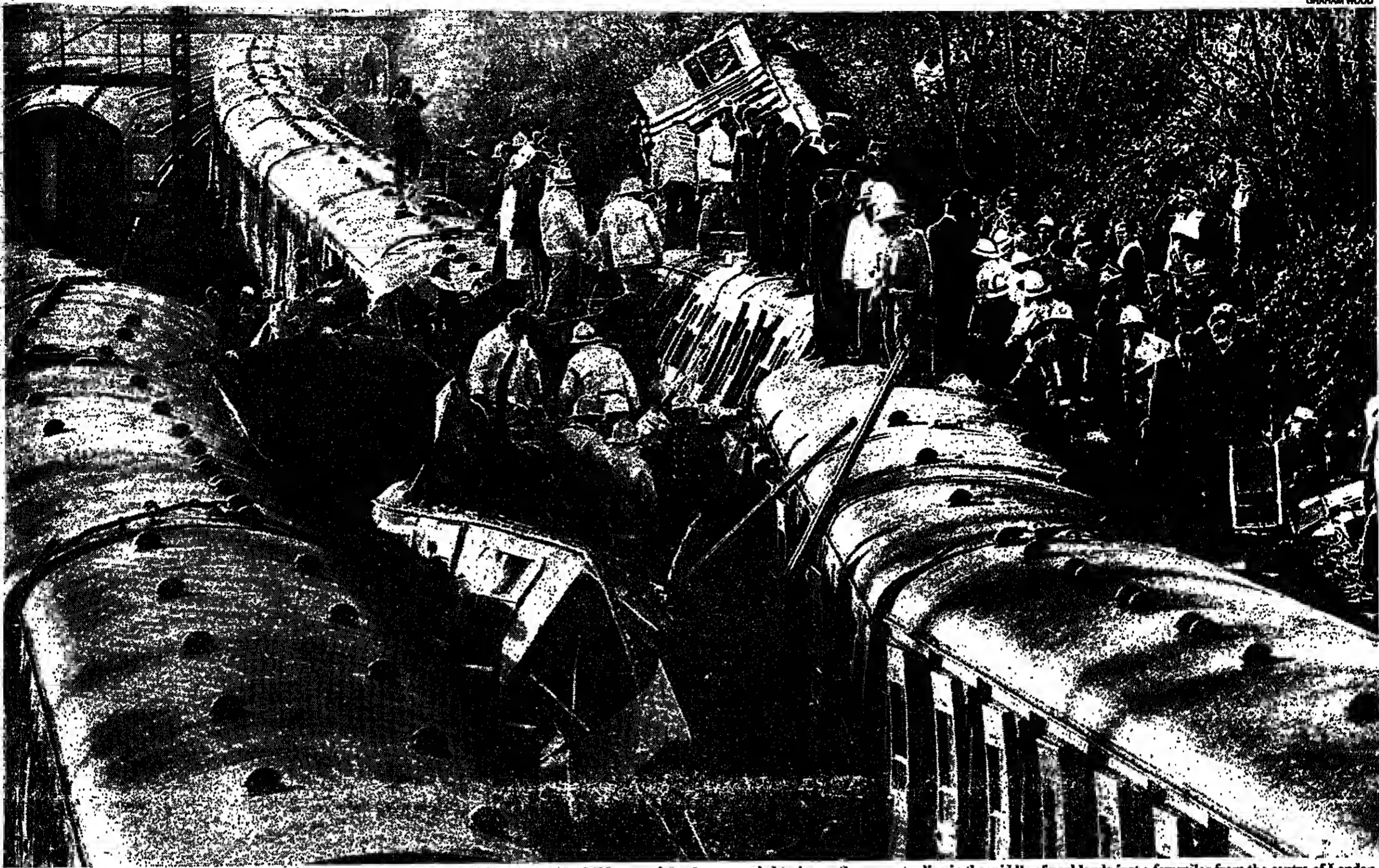


36 killed and 115 injured in rush-hour triple train pile-up

Signal fault blamed for crash

GRAHAM WOOD



Death in the rush hour: Firemen, police and ambulancemen slowly and carefully uncover the full horror of the three mangled trains on the commuter line in the middle of parklands just a few miles from the centre of London.

Driver left his cab to report flickering light

By Tony Dawe, Howard Foster, Nicholas Wood and Stewart Tendler

A faulty signal, flickering randomly from red to amber and green, was blamed last night for the triple train crash that killed 36 people and injured 115 near Clapham Junction, south-west London, yesterday.

The driver of a commuter train packed with 906 passengers had stopped to report the fault when an express train carrying 468 people ploughed into the back of it. The front part of the express was reduced to an unrecognizable tangle of metal. Dozens of people in it died instantly.

Some passengers were thrown clear — only to die under the wheels of an empty train that passed by in the next seconds after the initial impact and was itself derailed.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, told the Commons yesterday afternoon that a full public inquiry would be held into the crash. Last night, however, British Rail announced that temporary signals used while a new system was installed on the line were faulty.

"It [was] a technical fault associated with signalling work in hand," Mr Gordon Pettit, a British Rail senior manager, said. "It [was] not a design error in the new equipment."

The signal, operating between two road bridges south of Clapham Junction on the line into London, should have shown one of four recognized colour combinations.

The colours are red for stop; amber, which means prepare to stop; then double amber and green, which means go ahead. The signal flickered between those colours yesterday.

The Times has learnt that the driver of the 7.18am Basingstoke-Waterloo train stopped to report the fault when the driver of 6.30am express from Bournemouth crashed into the stationary train at 8.13. A witness said the driver fled his cab seconds before impact, only to be killed in the first carriage.

The two rear coaches of the Basingstoke train were hurled into the air and on to an adjoining embankment. As the empty third train hit the wreckage, a guard ran down the line to stop a fourth train adding to the disaster.

Pupils from Emanuel School, overlooking the track, joined local residents and passers-by in helping hundreds of badly shocked passengers. The emergency services, on the scene within five minutes of the crash, found badly mutilated bodies and dozens of people trapped in the wreckage.

It took them four hours to free all the injured, some of whom had limbs amputated at the crashsite. The search was still going on

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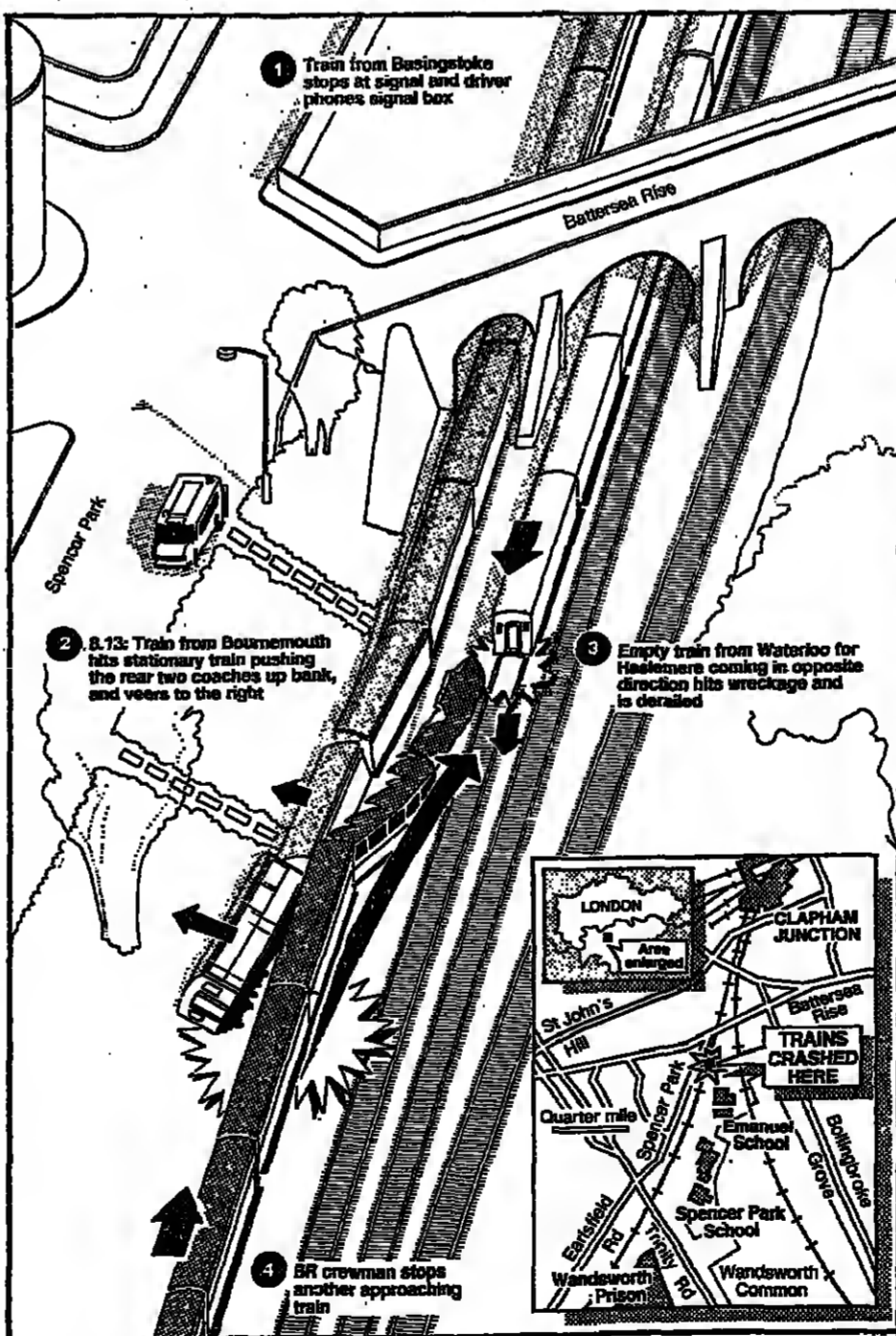
under are lights last night for more bodies. Thermal image cameras, identical to those sent to Armenia to help trace buried earthquake victims, were used.

The scene was described as "sheer bloody hell" by Mr Jim McMillan, assistant chief officer of the London Fire Brigade. Other experienced rescue workers called it the most "horrendous" disaster they had ever attended.

Passengers who escaped gave graphic descriptions of the impact. Mr Ronald Arlette, a Shell UK security chief from Farnborough, Hampshire, who was on the Basingstoke train, said: "There was an almighty bang, like an explosion. The carriage went up and we flew over and over. We ended up on an embankment, halfway up the bank."

"I know it sounds strange, but we just lay there and we had a laugh and a bit of a joke

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Phone number to call

There is only one number for relatives to ring to find out whether someone is alive, in hospital or a casualty, the Metropolitan Police said. It is 01-834-7777. That is also the number for survivors to call, to report that they are all right.

Victims of the train crash came from such a wide area of Southern England that emergency switchboards set up to cope with calls for information were swamped yesterday.

The situation was made worse when incorrect telephone numbers for the main casualty bureau at New Scotland Yard were issued, resulting in a London housewife and a private company receiving scores of calls.

People killed while escaping

By Mark Souster

Some passengers who escaped death in the first horrific impact south of Clapham Junction yesterday died seconds later when an empty train on the next track smashed into the wreckage.

Dr. Robio Winch, who spent all day helping at the scene, said last night that some of the injuries suffered by the dead were "consistent with them being hit by a train" rather than being killed by the impact of the express running into the back of the stationary train.

He said it was impossible to say how many people had died in this way. The scene of the first crash was bordered on one side by a steep concrete bank and on the other by parallel railway lines. Those who could move naturally tried to escape on to the lines rather than up the bank, but some staggered straight into the path of the empty train.

Dr Winch, a family doctor from north-east London and a member of the British Association of Immediate Care Schemes, said: "We under-

stand that people had to try to leave the train after the crash and were hit by an oncoming train."

He added that inside the train "the living and the dead were mixed together and the dead had to be moved to get to the living".

He helped free three people, two men and a woman. He said the two men suffered comparatively minor injuries while the woman, probably aged in her twenties, suffered severe arm injuries. He added that he saw no children

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Quake relief criticized

Pravda launched a stinging attack on the shortcomings of Soviet relief teams at the scene of the Armenian earthquake disaster, comparing them unfavourably with foreign experts helping in the aid effort. At the same time state media continued to carry expressions of grief at the scale of the disaster in which the official death toll stands at over 40,000.

Jenkins jailed


David Jenkins, the former British Olympic athlete, was jailed for seven years by a court in San Diego, California, after he had pleaded guilty to charges of drug smuggling. Page 38


Pools firm bid

Ladbroke, the betting shop group, has made a surprise takeover bid for Thomson T-Line, the owner of Vernons Pools that has already agreed to merge with Suter, the mini-conglomerate. Page 23


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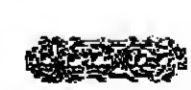




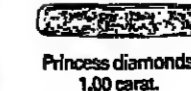
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DISASTER AT CLAPHAM JUNCTION



An injured passenger receiving attention before going to hospital.



Police and firemen help passengers to climb out of the derailed carriages on to the embankment



Mr Greg Ford, aged 28, from Poole, Dorset, one of the survivors.

HOW THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COPE

Rescuers' speed hailed as teamwork saves lives

By Emma Wilkins, Nicholas Beeston, Jill Sherman and Andrew Moger

The speed and co-ordination of emergency services at the scene of the train crash helped save lives of some of the severely injured victims, rescue workers said.

Only minutes after the three trains collided at Clapham Junction, police, firemen and hospital staff were treating injured passengers and clearing casualty wards at hospitals in south-west London.

Mr Jeremy Booth, aged 33, a surgeon who led a team from St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, said that he was completely unprepared for a disaster on this scale, but that the rescue operation went smoothly.

His team of eight doctors and nurses set up lines of intravenous drips to victims trapped beneath the train wreckage, administered pain-killing drugs, and tried to reassure those in agony.

"The fire brigade in particular were marvellous at extracting people trapped in the wreckage," he said. "We relied

on them to cut people out before we could treat them".

He added that it was too early to predict whether any of the casualties would develop post-crash syndrome, as suffered by the earthquake victims in Armenia last week.

The condition can cause fatal damage to lungs and kidneys due to a drop in blood pressure when weight is removed from the victim's chest.

Mr Robert Dobson, an ambulance officer and training officer for the Surrey service, brought in one of the last injured passengers to be cut free.

He described how co-operation with the fire brigade had helped save the life of one young man whose body was trapped under a carriage.

"I was trying to stop the bleeding on one of his legs as the firemen cut him free," he said. "Once we had got him out I could see past him into the carriage and it looked like there were more people

trapped behind." He said that the track was littered with bodies and that he saw one headless torso covered in a blanket.

Rescue workers said the priority was to treat the injured and that they left the fatalities to last.

A police helicopter told ambulance drivers the fastest routes to hospitals near by.

Mr Greg Holmes, a paramedic who accompanied the last survivor to be brought out of the train crash to St Stephen's Hospital, described it as the worst disaster he had seen in 14 years of service. He emphasized that the co-operation among the rescue services was excellent.

The rail disaster was a severe test for the accident and emergency department at St George's Hospital, Tooting, which has been open only for a week.

Within minutes of the disaster St George's, which is two miles away, put emergency contingency plans into

operation. As nurses and doctors rushed to the casualty department to take up their posts members of the public too offered their services.

St George's accident and emergency unit was opened only last Monday but senior managers said that although the train crash had tested their contingency plans they were pleased with the way staff had coped.

Soon after being put on full alert the hospital was designated as a frontline medical centre for the accident and the first of dozens of casualties began arriving.

St George's had been told at 8.20am to expect a large number of injured and within 15 minutes its new department was fully staffed, drawing on nurses and doctors from the community.

Over the next three hours 104 commuters were taken by ambulance to the hospital. Of those 30 were admitted and during the afternoon nine underwent emergency surgery.

Emergency supplies of blood were sent by the Army from Aldershot to London soon as the military authorities learned of the crash. Supplies were further boosted by members of the public who had heard radio and television appeals for donors. Many people left work to queue with hundreds of other donors outside St George's Hospital, Tooting. Mr Stephen Porter, a student doctor who helped organize the donor session, said: "The response has been absolutely fabulous with hundreds giving blood".

Two medical teams were sent from the hospital to the scene consisting of a surgical registrar, an anaesthetist, a nurse and a house physician. A third team was sent to the wreckage from St Thomas's Hospital, central London.

As they reached the devastation the first of the casualties were already being assessed at St George's, where a special resuscitation department was

established to keep the worst of the injured alive.

In the unit doctors and nurses split into five teams working quickly to get those in danger through to the operating theatres.

For an hour after 10am, the unit was unable to handle the backlog of incoming casualties. But it soon was able to reopen and Dr Lindsey Stevens, consultant at the accident and emergency department, praised the medical staff for the calm way in which they had dealt with the disaster victims.

She said one man had died on the way to hospital. A second man died in the operating theatre. Among those most seriously injured, a woman had to have her hand amputated.

Mr Roger Evans, unit general manager, said: "We only opened a week ago. But we have been extremely pleased at the way in which the procedure has gone although we would have preferred not to be facing this situation."

Doctors and medical supplies were flown by helicopter to the scene of the crash as dozens of ambulance crews struggled to get to the site on congested roads.

The London Ambulance Service, which helped co-ordinate the rescue operation, said it was contacted at 8.17am. The first ambulance arrived at the crash within four minutes.

When the extent of the accident was known an emergency service was declared and the ambulance service telephoned the main hospitals in the surrounding area. Each hospital put its own contingency plans into operation.

The assistant chief ambulance officer assessed the severity of the accident and 28 "front line" ambulances were immediately sent out with 11 backup coaches from ambulance stations near by on to roads congested with rush-hour traffic.

Scotland Yard said that it had flown two doctors with drugs, bandages and other

medical supplies by helicopter from the police control point on the M11, in an attempt to beat the traffic to the site of the accident.

A Yard spokesman said that the helicopter was always on standby at Lippitts Hill, Essex, as part of a contingency plan for emergencies, though it was rarely used.

One of the first doctors from St George's on the scene was ironically a passenger in the accident, Mr Paul Calvert. A consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Mr Calvert spent most of the morning trying to free trapped passengers and helping treat them.

Fearing it would run out of blood St George's made an urgent call for donors to come forward in the morning.

However by midday the South London Blood Transfusion Service said that it had been inundated with offers of blood from over a thousand people. Donors were queuing outside St George's and a special emergency session was set up.

AGONY OF THE FAMILIES

Stations are besieged by anxious relatives

By Robin Young

Distraught relatives besieged railway stations along the routes of the trains which crashed yesterday, seeking information that would tell them whether their children, husbands or wives were victims or survivors.

In most cases railway staff could only refer them to the emergency telephone number they had themselves heard given out over the radio.

Some women, who knew that their husbands had left home late, broke down and wept with relief when they heard that the train which crashed had left on time.

At Woking station staff reckoned to have answered 400 calls within two hours of the crash. At Farnborough women gathered in the tiny booking hall, sobbing as British Rail staff tried to comfort them.

Miss Julie Stokes, a British Rail clerk, said: "Everyone here is very shocked. We are all working like robots. There must have been at least 1,000 people on the 7.39 which crashed."

"A lot of people seemed to be going into work early to get ahead with their work in time before Christmas."

"The head office is sending regular print-outs so that we can give everyone the most up-to-date possible information, but the staff here are all very sad."

At Fleet station, Mr Joe Keogan, the chief clerk, said: "We have had lots of wives ringing up and coming down here very, very distraught. At 10am they were discovering

their husbands or sons had not reached their offices, but there was no way of knowing whether they were just caught up in the delays."

At Basingstoke, where one of the crash trains began its journey, every telephone in the station, including the parcels office and the engineers' depot, was ringing incessantly.

"They are so desperate to get some information that they are trying every number we have", a station spokesman said.

"We are doing the best we can to reassure them and we share their distress, because there are colleagues of ours aboard the trains as well, who may have been injured or have died."

Mrs Ann Blairman, a member of Basingstoke borough council, spent two agonizing hours before learning that her solicitor husband was not on the train from Basingstoke.

"I spent an agonising two hours of torture, worried sick until he eventually got a message that I had been ringing him and he rang me back. I can't tell you how relieved I was."

Crowds of anxious relatives were gathering at Basingstoke station as survivors arrived back on the trains returning from London.

Mr Robert Tomlinson, a tax collector who lives in Basingstoke, was met by his tearful wife Lynne, after he telephoned her to say that he was safe.

Other emotional reunions took place at stations along the route of the crashed trains as

lucky survivors returned home after their ordeal.

Mr Peter Honri and his wife June were at Basingstoke station seeking news of their daughter, Mrs Caroline Dee, when she walked through the ticket barrier and threw herself into their arms.

Miss Dee, aged 26, of Rochford Road, Basingstoke, a clerk at BBC Radio 4, had been on a following train.

"It was terrible being stuck on the train and not being able to get off to let people know we were all right", she said. Mr Desmond Smith, a delicatessen manager, was still waiting for news of his wife of eight months.

Mrs Therisita Smith, aged 39, a housekeeper in London, went off to work without letting her husband know where she would be during the day.

"If I get her back safe again, I will never let her go off without giving me a phone number for where she'll be", Mr Smith, aged 39, of Oak Ridge, Basingstoke, said.

The vicar of St Mary's Church, Basingstoke, set up an emergency help line to keep anxious relatives informed and managed to trace 30 of his parishioners who were all travelling on the crashed trains.

Last night, a police team from Basingstoke started the harrowing task of breaking news of the deaths and injuries. The team, under the direction of an inspector, were visiting families in the Basingstoke and north Hampshire area.

Hungerford team may aid families

A team of social workers and counsellors are standing by ready to help families of the victims. They will be calling on the experts who helped after the Hungerford massacre.

The Hungerford team, which eased the grief for the relatives of Michael Ryan's 16 victims in August last year, can pass on advice on how the Hampshire team can handle the "Clapham Junction disaster".

The mayor of Basingstoke, from whom many of the crash victims came, said the council would offer any help it could offer.

Survivors of yesterday's disaster face a "timebomb" of hidden injuries, a surgeon who is helping to treat them said yesterday. Victims who have been trapped and then saved are likely to have sustained a condition known as post-crash shock syndrome.

The condition is caused when toxins are automatically released in the body of a person crushed by a heavy weight. The poisons then cause hidden damage to the lungs and kidneys which only becomes apparent later, the surgeon, Mr Jeremy Booth, senior registrar in accident and emergency, said. He arrived at the disaster scene with a mobile emergency team from St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, within 30 minutes of the crash.



A woman is helped from the scene of the crash by members of the rescue services; and an Automobile Association officer helps a bloodstained man away.

SAFETY ON THE RAILS

Electronic 'eye' would have warned of danger

By William Greaves

If the trains involved in yesterday's tragedy had been threading their way through Britain's busiest rail junction en route for Victoria station - instead of Waterloo - they would have been electronically shepherded all the way by one of the most modern "control towers" on the BR network.

As it was, the crash happened on a section of line still controlled from Clapham Junction A signal box on the gantry it has occupied since the mid-1930s.

Instead of signalmen being able to follow electronically the exact position of the trains from as far as Surbiton or Epsom, and thus being alerted to the danger, their first indication that the trains were in their control area would have been received only a few seconds before the collision.

Although the signals had already been repositioned as the first stage of modernization, a new control room, known as a "power box", to replace the signal box is not due to come into service for another 12 months.

Some 2,200 trains a day pass through Clapham Junction. British Rail has had to build the new box for its Waterloo lines because the

modern power box already at the junction controlling the tracks into Victoria is working at saturation point.

Just 200 yards separate the power box at Clapham and the signal box, but the men equipped with the latest technology were powerless to monitor the progress of the 6.14am from Poole and the 7.18am from Basingstoke which were closing on each other.

Mr Chris Jackson, of Railway Gazette, described yesterday what would have happened if the new box, being built at Wimbledon, had been in service.

"As soon as the trains came into electronic 'vision' many miles away, the signalman would have known precisely

where they were", he said. "Above his head on the control panel a series of white lights would have mapped out the route he would have pre-selected for them."

"As each train reached the position indicated by the white light, that light would have turned red. That way the signalman would not only have been able to plan its route over a huge region but also to log its location at any moment to the nearest 300 yards. Any unauthorized closing-up would have been spotted immediately."

"As it happens, the trains were quite properly in line on the same track but were obviously too close together."

"After leaving a section of track controlled by Wimbledon B box, they would have passed through a section controlled by automatic signals before entering Clapham Junction A's territory."

"The men in the Clapham box - probably three or four - would have been told by Wimbledon that the trains were on their way."

"But the time taken through the automatic section would not have been more than two or three minutes and the crash happened almost immediately after they entered Clapham's area."

The signalmen in the box at the north end of Clapham Junction had no way of knowing in advance that the trains were too close together.

For although the box has undergone many improvements since it was first built, the traditional giant levers being replaced by mini levers and the semaphore signals along the track by automatic lights - its "vision" remains no greater than the immediate environs of the station.

When the new power box at Wimbledon is brought into service, signalmen will have electronic sight all the way from Waterloo station in Epsom and Surbiton and have complete control of manoeuvres within that region.

Today's engine drivers are guided by lights - red for stop, double yellow, single yellow and green.

The double amber light tells the driver that it is safe to proceed but that the next signal he will encounter is a single yellow which, in turn, means that the one after that is at red.

If, for any reason, he misreads the warnings and is about to pass through a red signal, a magnet situated between the rails triggers a receiver on the train which is brought automatically to a halt.

What went wrong with this "fail safe" system yesterday will be one of the key areas of investigation by the official inquiry into the Clapham Junction disaster.

The unions' protest, called "The Better Rail Campaign", was launched two months ago but yesterday marked the start of their attempt to draw nationwide attention to it.

The one we had this morning", he said.

"The more people you have standing the worse their injuries will be. Overcrowding doesn't cause accidents. It makes them worse. It is ironic that we started our campaign on this tragic morning."

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Six-hour trapped

DISASTER AT CLAPHAM JUNCTION



Ambulancemen arriving with one of three victims taken from Clapham Junction to St Stephen's hospital, south-west London, after the disaster.

THE SURVIVORS' STORIES

A bang, 'the carriage tilted and passengers flew over and over'

By Mark Souster and Andrew Moger

Passengers spoke of a normal journey suddenly shattered by an almighty bang and of the carriage tilting upwards and travellers flying 'over and over'.

Some told each other jokes while waiting for rescuers to reach them.

Mr Ronald Arlette, aged 52, a Shell UK security chief, from Farnborough, Hampshire, who was on the 7.38 (Basingstoke) train into London with his godson Stuart Gallie, said: "It was a perfectly normal journey until we pulled into a siding up against a concrete wall."

"I thought there was something wrong because I didn't recognize the surroundings. Within 30 seconds God knows what went on."

"There was an almighty bang, like an explosion. The carriage went up and we flew over and over. We ended up on an embankment, halfway up the bank."

"Strangely enough, nobody panicked. Everybody started looking at everybody else. We helped get people out where we could."

"Firemen came after about 15 minutes. It seemed like a long time before they could get to us."

"I know it sounds strange, but we just lay there and we had a laugh and a bit of a joke with each other. It just seemed the best thing to do to keep our spirits up."

Mr Gallie, aged 24, from Ilford, Essex, said: "I think the carriage must have gone 60 or 70 feet in the air. We just went over and over. We didn't know what happened, why or where we had ended up."

Mr Greg Ford, a bank clerk from Poole, Dorset, who was in the first carriage of the Bournemouth train, said: "I am lucky to be alive. Several of the people in my carriage died."

"I was half asleep sitting in the front carriage. Most people were dozing off. Suddenly there was a big bang and the next minute there were people thrown all over the place."

"People started screaming and I had to get up and help them. When I got up I found out I was lying on somebody. I saw there were a couple of people dead on the other side of the carriage. But all I could do was help a couple of people standing up to throw out the wreckage that was lying around us. We did this until the emergency services arrived."

Another passenger, Mr Keith Larner, aged 30, an accountant from Southampton, said he saw a woman pinned to her seat by a shaft of metal through her chest. Mr Larner said: "Bodies were everywhere and all the luggage was thrown on top of us by the impact."

Mr Gary Poole, aged 28, a bank worker from Bournemouth, said he escaped from a smashed coach in the stationary train by climbing out through a "gaping hole" in the side of the carriage.

"I found myself on my back in the carriage," he said. "Everyone was just screaming. My friend pulled me out and then we pulled out two or three people."

Mr Graham Winston, a 34-year-old chartered engineer from Camberley, Surrey, described how the rear carriage of his train was flicked into the air with the impact of the crash.

When the crash came, he said: "We were all pushed sideways and thrown about. I climbed out through a window."

Mr Stewart McMillan, aged 20, a bank worker, was sitting in the rear of the stationary Basingstoke train, which was rammed. He said: "There was a loud bang and then the seats just collapsed and the walls caved in. I managed to crawl through a window to get out. There had been a pregnant lady sitting next to me - God knows what happened to her."

Mr Calvert Douglas, aged 48, a salesman from West Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire, who was on the train from Southampton, said: "I was quite well back. I heard an enormous bang and bags flew in every direction."

Mr Paul Fellick, aged 50, a bank administration manager from West End, Woking, Surrey, said he was in the last carriage of the 7.18 Basingstoke train when the express train ploughed into the back of it.

He said: "By rights I should not be here now. It's absolutely remarkable we should have been crushed in a mass of metal but didn't die. I can't believe I'm still alive. I suffered bruised ribs and it's only now that I'm beginning to feel the pain."

"I knew people had died and saw others in a bad way but I couldn't take much of it in. I was in a daze."

"I was hurtled against a window and was curled up in a ball on top of someone."

Four hours after the crash, the last five casualties were rescued.

12.18 pm: The Prime Minister expresses dismay and promises a full inquiry.

1: St George's reports 42 people admitted for treatment out of a total of 123 taken there from the scene. Three others admitted at St Stephen's.

3.30: Mr Channon makes a Commons statement promising a full, independent inquiry and praising the rescue work.

4.52: Emergency services confirm a total of 36 dead.

5: London Fire Brigade says "it seems all bodies have now been removed."

8.15: Guard on the empty train flags down a fourth train, averting further disaster.

8.17: Emergency services are alerted and a "major emergency" plan is put into operation - 120 firemen, 15 fire engines, 28 ambulances and 11 out-patient coaches are dispatched.

8.20: Teams of doctors and nurses from four hospitals are sent to scene.

8.21: First ambulance arrives and starts ferrying the injured to St George's Hospital, Tooting. Others are later taken to St Stephen's, Fulham.

11.40: Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, visits the scene.

The countdown to the disaster

By David Sapsted

The timetable of the disaster: 6.30 am: The passenger train which should have left Poole at 6.14 instead leaves Bournemouth for Waterloo because of a minor collision on Sunday.

7.18: A crowded commuter train, also bound for Waterloo, leaves Basingstoke.

8.03: An empty train leaves Waterloo for Haslemere.

8.13: Quarter of a mile from Clapham Junction, the Basingstoke train is stationary because of Spencer Park and Wandsworth Common. Train from Bournemouth crashes into its back. Seconds later, the empty train from Waterloo ploughs into the wreckage.

THE FIREMAN

Six-hour quest for trapped survivors

By David Sapsted

Sub-officer Vijith Randeniya had known nothing like it. For six hours, he and many of his 150 London Fire Brigade colleagues clambered through the twisted metal searching desperately for survivors.

"I carried out four people. They were all dead. Their injuries were horrific. I saw other victims in there - their condition was unlike anything you could imagine," the Lambeth officer said.

"When I first got there, the scene was pretty chaotic. Survivors were wandering around dazed and very shaken. As you got closer to the scene of the impact, it became more harrowing... one of the trains had opened up like a tin."

Mr Randeniya entered the "mass of tangled, twisted metal" after colleagues had used thermal image cameras to find survivors.

"Strangely, I was not aware of any noise. There must have been a lot, but it was like a background blur."

"I had never seen anything like it: I have seen some pretty horrific injuries suffered by people, but it was the sheer scale of the thing that was so appalling."

Throughout the rescue operation, he said, the emergency services performed with efficiency. "I know it sounds like a cliché, but we were all able to get in there and get on with it - training we might have hoped we would never need to use came into play immediately."

Firemen had cut steps into the railway embankment to cable men and equipment to get to the scene. He said, however, that as he crawled through the wreckage, he came across one image that would remain with him for the rest of his life. "But I will not... cannot tell you what it was. It was, simply, too horrific."

Jim McMillan, Assistant Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade, described the scene as "sheer bloody hell."

"The impact of King's Cross didn't hit me until I was going home later. Most of the people here will feel the impact of working here in a day's time," he said.

Most of the 150 firemen at the scene had been on duty since 6pm on Sunday night. "They still worked through all this and refused to be relieved. They're very dedicated people," he said.

Within minutes of arriving he had called for eight more pumps and eight ambulances. This was quickly increased to 15 pumps and eventually 30 ambulances attended.

The emergency services gingerly moved wreckage from the carriages to avoid crushing the injured passengers and themselves.

"It was very dangerous", Mr McMillan said. "There were carriages sticking 6-8 feet into the air. The involvement of the third empty train simply complicated everything."

"We de-trained hundreds of people quickly and got them up off the embankment. Then we got to work with air and flame-cutting equipment. The working space was very compacted."

THE POLICEMAN

'Nastiest thing I have dealt with'

PC Fraser Shaw found one man alive as he and a colleague crawled beneath the wreckage of two coaches crushed together. The other two people he found were both dead.

"Even the man we found had to have both legs amputated. Yes, it was nasty; while we were in there we did not see one complete body," said the 29-year-old officer from the Metropolitan Police's 6th Tactical Support Group.

He spent several hours searching through the wreckage. "We went in originally when we were told there was one man alive alive underneath the two carriages."

"While we were searching underneath, we found two other bodies, both incomplete. They were just the torsos of a man and a woman. We ended up searching for limbs. There were enough to find. Many people were a complete mess."

PC Shaw said that, in total, police helped to carry out 20 bodies, which were then transferred to a makeshift mortuary at a nearby ex-servicemen's club.

Conditions inside the wreckage were "pretty horrific" said the officer. "It was the nastiest thing I have had to deal with. There was a substantial amount of debris and mess about. It was pretty rough down there, but everyone got on with the job, gruesome though it was."

"The carriage at the scene was awful. There was one woman who had a head but most of the brain was missing. I don't know how this happened - whether she was thrown out on to the tracks or what."

The police moved in after most of the injured had been rescued by fire officers and ambulancemen.

Inspector Louisa Elliston said: "It was our job to take the bodies out to the mortuary. It was the worst disaster I have ever dealt with."

Police said the number of bodies in a temporary mortuary in the ex-servicemen's club at the scene was 34 and that two people died later at hospital.

There were 81 with minor injuries and a further 32 with serious injuries.

The last survivor was brought out in the late afternoon, from a carriage towards the rear of the train.

Of the dead, 17 have identification documents on their bodies.

"It will be extremely difficult to identify the others" said a police spokesman.

"We are asking that people who survived the crash should telephone the casualty bureau as soon as possible. We are also asking for relatives of people who were travelling on the train to contact the bureau."

Westminster Coroner, Dr Knapman, has examined the bodies, which will go to Westminster mortuary.

Superintendent Daeel O'Brien of the British Rail Police, said: "The lessons of King's Cross have been learned here."

"There has been good co-ordination between the different services and I have no doubt at all that lives were saved because of the lessons that were learnt at King's Cross."

THE AMBULANCEMAN

Teams united in their grim task

By Andrew Moger

The senior ambulance officer at the scene, Mr Hugh Chambers, said the three emergency services had united in their grim task with cool efficiency.

By the end of the day-long operation in the tangled wreckage his crews had seen more than 30 bodies taken from the scene.

"When the emergency services are sent to something like this you have a good idea of what to expect. We obviously have procedures to back us up. But to say that the doctors, nurses and all the other people who helped out did an excellent job of work down there in the wreckage would be very much an understatement."

Their jobs had been initially hampered by the large amount of undergrowth covering the embankment which ran down to the track preventing both stretcher bearers initially getting close and also making it difficult for the walking wounded to get away from the confined space where the trains collided.

Ambulance crews had made use of their extended training in setting up drips to stabilize some of the worst injured passengers. But it was work in dreadful surroundings, Mr Chambers, aged 59, said.

"Our main concern is the living casualties so we must get them out as a matter of priority. Those beyond help remain in the carriages until resources are free to remove them."

"It does not take much imagination when you look at the tangle of wreckage to work out what it does to human tissue." The severed arms and limbs and mutilated bodies of the victims were close by as his crews helped the medical teams.

Mr Chambers praised firemen for swift action in cutting away the undergrowth which enabled large numbers of the slightly injured and shocked to get quickly out of the area.

The passengers who were able to help themselves out of the wreckage, he said, were to be praised for doing precisely what they were told in a calm and unpanicked fashion.

Mr Chambers also praised the landlord of a public house near by who had opened his saloon lounge to help the survivors and rescuers.

Mr Chambers said the type and extent of casualties at rail accidents were often similar. "Unfortunately there is the same sort of death too", he said.



Some of the injured passengers received trackside help on carriage seats and luggage racks.

RESCUE HEROES

Teacher risks life on live lines

By Howard Foster and Mark Souster

Teachers and children at a Wandsworth private school clambered down to the wreckage of the trains to help survivors.

Two pupils of the Emmanuel School for boys squeezed into the gaps in the wreckage of some coaches to help passengers while others took food and drink to comfort survivors.

Peter Pantechi, aged 14, and Terry Stopani, aged 13, left their school bus when they heard the impact and jumped over a fence.

Peter said: "There were people calling out for help. I saw a pair of severed legs on the ground which I think belonged to the driver of one of the trains. It was horrific."

"People were crying for help. We helped some of them out of the wreckage by pulling their arms."

Mr John Wybrowe, a teacher at the school, risked his life to help victims. He also organized the boys into a small army of helpers before collapsing from his efforts.

Mr Wybrowe leapt out of his car when he heard the smash as he was driving to the school. He scaled a 6ft chain link fence and sprinted down the embankment. He clambered across the lines, which were still electrified, and climbed on to the carriages.

Mr Russell Cowlin, aged 19, was waiting for the garage where he worked to open when he heard a huge bang and rushed to the rescue with a passing motorcyclist.

"I ran over to the edge and looked over the track and saw the crashed trains", he said. "Then I just jumped over the fence and ran down the embankment and started pulling people out of the carriages."

"They just didn't know what had hit them and were screaming out for help."

"There was a lot of blood everywhere. It was not a nice sight to see. But we helped the injured onto the bank. It all happened so quickly."

THE DOCTOR

Trackside mission to save the injured

The doctor in charge of the medical operation at the scene gave a grim account of the terrible injuries suffered by some of the victims (Andrew Moger writes).

Most had either fractures or crushing, and a number of people had to have their spleens removed, said Mr Paul Calvert, orthopaedic surgical consultant to St George's Hospital, Tooting, south London.

Small teams of medical staff and ambulancemen stayed with them while rescuers fought to get them out, he said.

"Many were trapped under fairly huge pieces of metal. One of them was under a coupling bogey. One does not want to see that sort of scene ever again in one's life," Mr Calvert said.

"One of the most serious victims was a young woman who had had her hand severed by the wreckage. She was still conscious when we freed her but her hand was hanging by a thread. Her hand has been amputated up to the wrist and she is also suffering from several other injuries, including a serious compound fracture to the left elbow."

"She has had her a spleen removed and she has had her liver stitched up. She also has a ruptured thigh muscle and a fracture in her tibia."

Another man could not be released from the wreckage until 12.02pm, four hours after the accident, said Mr Calvert.

"He had sustained severe crushing wounds and had been pinned to the ground by the twisted metal. He was crushed from the pelvis all the way down his lower limbs."

"Ambulancemen and doctors set up saline drips and gave him powerful pain-killers which would have kept him barely conscious. He also sustained severe internal bleeding, and he has had his spleen removed."

Last night 123 people had been taken in St George's Hospital, with 42 of those admitted. Six were still in intensive care hours after undergoing emergency surgery.

Mr Calvert said: "At least 25 of the injured will remain in hospital for more than two days."

Mr Roger Evans, the hospital general manager, said: "So many people are donating bloods. There is now a hold-up of up to two hours for donors."

"We were very touched at the reaction of the staff and the public."

The hospital chaplain, the Rev Ian Ainsworth-Smith, said: "Most of the victims I talked to can't quite believe they are alive. The distressed people were suffering. It was similar to what I found in survivors of London's IRA bomb blasts."

"People have reacted in similar ways although this is a much bigger tragedy." He said he helped to console several distressed young medical staff.

"For many of them it was their first experience of a major disaster. Some of them were quite upset."

The week-old multi-million pound casualty unit helped save lives, said Dr Richard Partridge, the senior registrar. "Being able to resuscitate as many as nine patients at a time undoubtedly helped to save lives."

NEWS ROUNDUP

Last Wearside ship is launched

The last ship built on the Wear was launched last night in a subdued ceremony at North East Shipbuilders in Sunderland. There was no band, no toasts and no celebrity to perform the ceremony. Instead, Mr David Rawlings, the company's berth manager, pulled the lever that sent the £5 million ferry down the slipway and into the river.

The launch at the company's Southwick yard effectively brought to an end the tradition of shipbuilding on Wearside going back more than 600 years. The closure of the yard with the loss of 2,400 jobs was announced last week by Mr Tooy Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry.

The ferry launched last night was part of an original order for 24 such vessels built under a contract which eventually collapsed, partly contributing to the company's demise. A total of 14 have been built but only two sold. The vessel launched last night will join its 11 sister ships at anchor in the Wear waiting for a buyer.

Protest confusion

The Post Office said yesterday that thousands of counter and clerical staff ignored their union's call for a national 24-hour stoppage, which enabled more than 60 per cent of all Crown offices to remain open for business. However Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said reports reaching his union showed there was "a magnificent response" to the strike call - as much as 90 per cent in some towns.

Pay rise uncertainty

Long-term pay negotiations are being affected by uncertainty over the rise in inflation as unions either demand inbuilt cost-of-living guarantees or an immediate return to a one-year deal, according to a report published yesterday. Income Data Services says long-term deals have lost their popularity with unions and employers.

Bank raid charges

Two men and a woman were remanded in custody until next Monday at Liverpool Magistrates' Court yesterday in connection with the Presto bank robbery. Len Newsham, of Waresley Road, Fazakerly, and Kevin Leary, of Coleshill Road, West Derby, both Liverpool, both aged 23, were jointly accused of robbing Mr Roger Ball of cash and travellers' cheques worth more than £500,000 on September 14. Sharon Crawford, aged 19, of Elstead Road, Liverpool 9, was accused of dishonestly handling £6,900 stolen cash belonging to the National Westminster Bank.

Keays wins libel case

Allegations that Miss Sara Keays, the former mistress of Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, set out to "destroy" him were withdrawn in the High Court yesterday. Miss Keays also won an apology for libel from Peter Jenkins, the author, and Jonathan Cape, the publishers, over the allegations in the book *Mrs Thatcher's Revolution*. They apologized for the distress caused by the offending passage, agreed to omit it from any future reprint, and also to pay her legal costs.

Football Bill limited

Ministers are expected to drop legislative plans allowing a compulsory football membership scheme to be extended to other sports if necessary. The football spectators' Bill, pencilled in for publication next week, is now likely to be limited to the 92 Football League grounds. The original idea of Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, was to table legislation that could be used to order the licensing of other named sporting venues. However, government sources, confirmed yesterday that the practical problems of providing for such a "general power" were too great.

Hattersley questions Hurd's 'political will'

Labour attacks record on crime

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, yesterday accused the Government of eroding the freedom of Britons to walk the streets without fear of attack.

He condemned the Government's record on crime, saying it had fostered a climate which was conducive to an increase in violence, both on the streets and in the prisons.

Mr Hattersley, speaking at a consultative meeting organized for Labour's policy review, was strongly critical of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary. He doubted if he had the political will to bring in the necessary reforms.

Party strategists believe

Fourteen young people went to the Home Office yesterday to advise Mr John Patten, Minister of State, and the Government how to curb crime. They want schools to do more, advertisements for alcohol to have the equivalent of a "health warning", and the influence of bad parents and other criminal youngsters to be undone. They all knew someone who had committed a crime or drunk too much but, when asked what stopped them getting into trouble, all 14 had one thing in common - a

good home. At times it was harder for Mr Patten to get in a word in his room at the Home Office than during exchanges at the Commons, so eager were his young advisers to boost government effort. The message seemed to be that no one their age listened much to ministers - they only listened to other teenagers - and the language the government used for its message was tired, lacked punch and was poorly aimed. The pupils, aged 14 to 18, represented junior crime prevention panels.

that, for the first time in many years, Labour is in a position to win the political battle over crime because of the breakdown in law and order in some cities.

Mr Hattersley, whose policy group is expected to come up with proposals for a much wider range of non-custodial sentences and for more resources to go to the police, said he agreed with Mr Hurd

from confident that Mr Hurd would have the political will to introduce effective measures on non-custodial sentencing and parole.

He spoke of Mr Hurd's "frantic pursuit of experiments and pilot schemes, rather than substantial reforms".

His technique was to create an illusion of activity. "The courage of the Home Secretary

is now under close scrutiny", he said.

Mr Hattersley said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher spoke of her government's duty to provide the citizen with the freedom to walk the streets without fear or attack.

"As with so many other freedoms it is, in Britain today, an illusion. In truth it is another freedom which this government has eroded."

"The Government's record on crime is abysmal. No one doubts that we are less well protected than we were 10 years ago."

The Government had no answer to the "remorseless rise" in crimes of violence, up by 17 per cent in 1987, by 15 per cent again in the first quarter of 1988 and set to rise again according to figures to be released later this week.

Lawson and Owen join by-election

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will visit Epping Forest this morning, just two days before a by-election that has been dominated by concern over rising mortgage rates.

He will not, however, meet any voters in this affluent constituency, where the average mortgage is £50,000. He is to attend the morning press conference of Mr Steven Norris, the Conservative candidate.

Opposition parties have little doubt that Mr Lawson would have been produced as the Tories' trump card had the economic outlook been rosy. Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, argued yesterday that there was "general dissatisfaction" among the constituencies' Conservative voters who were ready to fire a shot across the Government's bows by switching support on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the contest is beginning to show unaccustomed signs of life, with the four main candidates hurling claims and counter claims and heated allegations about their opponents' tactics.

Mr Norris asserted that he would win by "a sizeable majority". His opponents

each claimed to have established themselves as his main challenger and to have detected significant surges of support over the weekend.

Arguably the most reliable indicator of their relative strengths was the fact that Mr Norris spent much of his press conference attacking the Democrats while playing up the performance of both Labour and the SDP. Mr Norris said the more evenly split the non-Tory vote, the larger his majority would be.

Mr Andrew Thompson, the Democrats' candidate, attacked Mr Norris for his "weasel words" over the future of St Margaret's Hospital in Epping and claimed Labour's campaign had "ground to a halt".

Mr Michael Pettman, the SDP candidate, condemned Mr Thompson's "cheap tactic" of suggesting St Margaret's faced closure.

Mr Stephen Murray, the Labour candidate, brought in Mr Andrew Smith, the Labour MP who ousted Mr Norris in Oxford East at the general election.

General election: Sir John Biggs-Davison (C) 31,536; Mr Anthony Humphris (SDP-All) 10,023; Mr Stephen Murray (Lab) 9,499; R Deabard (Green) 695. Majority: 21,513.



A voter confronting Dr Owen and Mr Pettman, SDP candidate, in Epping market yesterday

Damages call after poisoned egg claim

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union is to demand "tens of millions of pounds" in compensation for the damage done to the egg industry by Mrs Edwina Currie's statement 10 days ago that eggs were contaminated by salmonella poisoning.

Mr Simon Gourlay, the union president, has put forward a seven-point package to restore consumer confidence in eggs and to compensate producers for the losses they have suffered.

The union is seeking compensation for producers for market losses, compensation for the destruction of infected laying birds or eggs, and steps to minimize reinfestation, including controls on imports. The package also calls for a programme backed by the Government to control salmonella, and more funding for research.

In addition, Mr Gourlay wants a contribution towards promotional advertising to restore normal levels of consumption.

"Unless we have immediate action, millions of healthy birds and hundreds of millions of eggs will have to be destroyed unnecessarily; producers will go out of business with many job losses, and there will be severe repercussions in many parts of the industry", Mr Gourlay said.

He said the Government should not underestimate the producers, who were "vitriolic" about what had happened and determined to seek recompense.

The union said orders had declined by up to 70 per cent. Producers had more than 300 million unsold eggs, with a top retail value of nearly £30 million, and the numbers were growing by 20 million a day.

Water pledge

Householders will get £5 a day if a privatized water company fails to restore supply, and £5 each time it fails to answer a query properly, Mr Michael Howard, minister responsible for water privatization, told the National Consumer Council yesterday.

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Staff crisis sends legal pay soaring

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The recruitment crisis in the legal profession is driving up City solicitors' salaries at a rate which neither regional firms nor the public sector can match, according to a report today.

It also shows that solicitors' pay is rising well ahead of those in other jobs. The survey, by Hay Management Consultants, found that a newly qualified solicitor in central London earning £19,511 would receive only £14,290 if he worked in the West Midlands.

The survey, based on data from 183 companies, firms and public sector organizations, shows that nationally there are also sharp differences between the commercial and professional sectors, and the public sector.

In the private sector - commerce and industry - a newly qualified solicitor's salary would typically be £19,591, while in a professional firm it could be £18,142.

However, in the public sector a comparable job would be paid only £15,765.

Mr Robert Mosley, principal of Hay Management Consultants, said: "The increase in demand for solicitors has resulted in the profes-

sional sector adopting far more aggressive recruitment at universities".

The public sector, such as the Crown Prosecution Service and the government legal service generally, has suffered badly, with both recruitment and retention either difficult or impossible, he said.

Base salary increases over the past 12 months nationally have averaged 10.2 per cent for trainees, 10.4 per cent for newly qualified solicitors, and 11.8 per cent for more senior solicitors.

That compares with a national base salary increase for all jobs of 7.5 per cent, although in the professional sector salaries have leapt by 20 per cent, a sign of the intensely competitive market, the consultants say.

Solicitors' articulated clerks are still paid less than the national average. The median (middle point taking all respondents in the survey) pay is £9,427, compared with a median of £10,210 for all comparable jobs.

However, the middle-point salary of newly qualified solicitors throughout the country is £17,175, some 14.9 per cent above the median of £14,951 for all jobs. For a solicitor with

three to five years' experience the middle-point salary is £21,800 compared with £19,730 in all jobs; and for a senior managing solicitor with eight to 10 years' experience it is £28,925, compared with £26,083 in other jobs.

But those salaries increase rapidly as experience is gained, relative to those offered in other jobs.

The salary levels of those with three to five years' post-qualification experience range from £18,911 to £25,731, while pay for solicitors with eight to 10 years' experience ranges from £24,724 to £34,552.

The growth of legal firms is most rapid outside the South-east and outer London, according to an independent study of 170 practices supported by the Law Society.

The survey, by Interfirm Comparison, shows the growth rate in 1987-88 was highest in the Midlands at nearly 30 per cent; followed by the North of England, central London, the South-west and Midlands, which had an overall growth rate of 25 per cent.

However, in the South-east and outer London, growth was below 20 per cent.

Pastoral staff fit for a bishop

HOWARD BARLOW



Mr Steven King, a joiner, from Romiley, near Stockport, Greater Manchester, finishing a pastoral staff which was made for the Right Rev Frank Sargeant, Bishop of Stockport. The staff consists of hazel wood and ram's horn, while the cross is fashioned from walrus tusk. Mr King received the commission after the bishop saw an altar rail he made for a local chapel.

Truancy rate cut by business in classroom

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

A pioneering scheme to bring the world of commerce into the classroom has brought about a dramatic reduction in levels of truancy, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Chris Botten, deputy headmaster of Walworth School, south London, said attendance rates among pupils aged 15 had jumped from 80 to 95 per cent since the opening of "The World of Work" within the comprehensive school.

The £50,000 business suite is the result of a partnership between the school, 16 companies and the North Peckham Inner City Task Force. Pupils are encouraged to work alongside company executives on a new GCSE business and information studies course.

The project, which was officially opened yesterday by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has already proved popular with pupils. This year 106 of the school's 190 fourth-year pupils have opted to study in the suite.

Mr Botten said the project had improved the self-confidence of pupils.

Decision on Ryan is expected today

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Northern Ireland ministers are bracing themselves for a stormy week in Anglo-Irish relations with the Dublin government expected to decide today on the British extradition request for Father Patrick Ryan, the alleged IRA terrorist.

There is mounting speculation in Dublin that Mr John Murray, the Irish attorney general, will not extradite Father Ryan.

Such a decision would infuriate Mrs Thatcher and lead to calls from Tory and Unionist MPs for a British re-assessment of extradition arrangements with Ireland.

The Irish government's handling of British demands for Father Ryan has received widespread public support according to an opinion poll published in yesterday's *Irish Times* that gives the governing Fianna Fail party its highest rating since the 1987 general election.

The poll also gave Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, his highest personal rating. It showed that 62 per cent of the electorate are satisfied with his performance as premier.

The extradition issue will dominate a planned midweek Anglo-Irish conference meeting in Belfast between Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish foreign affairs minister.

At the meeting Mr Lenihan will urge Mr King to use Irish extra-territorial legislation to prosecute wanted paramilitaries in courts in Ireland, rather than seek extradition.

Father Ryan, a Roman Catholic priest, is wanted in London on alleged terrorist charges connected with 185 IRA bombings. Mr Murray has spent 17 days examining the warrants and the supporting memorandum from his British counterpart, Sir Patrick Mayhew.

According to Dublin sources, Mr Murray is sceptical that there is enough evidence to convict Father Ryan and also doubts whether the priest will be prosecuted in London on the charges in the warrants.

Under the Irish 1987 Extradition Act, the attorney general has to satisfy himself before clearing a warrant that there is "sufficiency of evidence" against a wanted man and that he will be prosecuted on the original charges.

The warrants did not satisfy the Belgian authorities who rejected a British extradition request for Father Ryan.

Even if Mr Murray clears the warrants and gives permission for the case to proceed to a district court, the extradition could be blocked by Mr Gerry Collins, the Irish minister of justice, on the ground that Father Ryan is unlikely to get a fair trial in Britain.

Several Fianna Fail politicians and opposition party leaders have claimed that British press coverage of the Father Ryan affair have prejudiced the case against the priest.

Mr King will ask Mr Lenihan to explain why Father Ryan has not been held in custody since the warrants were sent from London.

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Attenborough unveils EEC fund for writers

Sir Richard Attenborough, the director, launched the European Script Development Fund yesterday in Brussels (Andrew Billen writes).

He said the £1.5 million project funded by the European Commission would take the risk out of script development for up to 100 writers and producers a year.

From January anyone may submit a 15-page treatment for an idea for a film or television series to the fund's headquarters at the British Film Institute in London.

The fund headed by Miss

Renee Goddard, a senior executive from Channel 4, will pick ideas with a commercial potential and award up to £27,000. If the film is made the fund will be the first to recoup its loan. If it is not, the amount will be written off.

Sir Richard, director of *Gandhi* and *Cry Freedom*, told the launch it was a tragedy that original scripts from new writers were a "rare and precious commodity".

He said the project was a wonderful opportunity for independent writers, producers and directors.

Trust rebuke over building designs

By John Young

The low standard of building design that has accompanied recent economic growth and the boom in the construction industry was condemned yesterday by the Civic Trust.

Introducing a report on its 1988 awards, Mr Martin Bradshaw, the trust's director, said that for the second year in succession assessors had been concerned about the low standard of entries.

Nearly a third of the assessors had expressed disappointment, and their comments ran from "unexceptional" to "appalling".

The mediocrity could even be seen in the precinct of national monuments, where the apparatus of planning control and the advice of bodies such as the Royal Fine Art Commission should have

produced better results. Local planning authorities remained under great pressure to reduce the alleged economic burden of delay, and were ceaselessly reminded that the trivial business of aesthetics was something for which others were responsible, Mr Bradshaw said.

There was a feeling that much of what was being built or rebuilt was mediocre, and that the circumstances in which the present construction boom was taking place might not be conducive to high standards.

Out of 993 entries for the 1988 scheme, there were 24 awards and 126 commendations.

The scheme was funded by a £50,000 grant from the Legal & General Group.

THE ARMENIA EARTHQUAKE

Emotional words and poems help Russians unite in grief

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow
Nations have different ways of expressing their collective grief.

The newsreaders on the main evening news programme, who always look solemn, have often seemed close to tears after a

particularly harrowing film sequence. Mr Gorbachov and his wife have been seen listening with evident concern and sorrow to the complaints of local people shouted from the crowd.

Some newspapers have given space to poets and literary figures, the better to express the national mood.

By a Russian poet who began by quoting lines of Armenian verse: "Before whom shall I open the casket of my constant sorrows, to whom shall I show my fresh gaping wounds?"

Then he quoted the famous words of the first communist, Yuri Gagarin, about the beauty — and the vulnerability — of the earth as seen from space.

But alongside the high-flown style of such articles there have also been news reports of unusual immediacy.

Devoid of the political jargon which deadens so much Soviet journalism, the descriptions by Soviet journalists from the earthquake area have expressed horror and passion, often in strikingly original turns of phrase.

Much of the writing has had a directness rarely found in Soviet newspapers. Some rescue workers have been quoted desperately asking for more medical supplies or more cranes.

thing, anything, to lift the slabs with.

The correspondent for the Moscow evening paper quoted one rescue worker as saying: "Spirak has simply ceased to exist. It has been wiped off the face of the earth."

The same correspondent reported that Leninakan was "terrible, it looks like a city must look after a particularly ruthless air raid".

The extreme situation seems to have shocked writers into shaking off the formulae many of them

were trained to write, and recording only what they see. "On the roadsides," one special correspondent wrote, "you see people with all their goods and chattels, bundles, pillows, mattresses, and furniture they have somehow managed to save."

There have been few officially-inspired formalities. Saturday was declared a national day of mourning throughout the country.

an extra day on Saturday — a Soviet practice known as a subbotnik.

In Moscow on Sunday, one of the main pedestrian thoroughfares was dotted with people selling goods they had made, an official-looking notice on their stalls saying that a proportion of the proceeds would go to help the victims.

Pravda broadside at aid effort as second jet crashes

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The crash of a second aircraft carrying medical supplies to Armenia, has brought further criticism of the Soviet Union's handling of the earthquake relief operation.

Yesterday's accident happened soon after 2 am when a Yugoslav Air Force transport plane, a Soviet-built Antonov 12 carrying medical supplies from Skopje, crashed on its approach to Yerevan airport.

The plane came down less than 24 hours after a Soviet plane with nearly 80 people on board, most of them troops, crashed before landing at Leninakan — one of the cities worst hit.

Mr Panyukov discounted earlier reports that the plane had collided with a helicopter and said the cause was not known.

Answering questions from journalist yesterday, Mr Panyukov said Yerevan and Leninakan airports were working at full stretch receiving aircraft from all over the Soviet Union and abroad.

periods, he said. When both airports were working to capacity, he added, planes were diverted.

On Sunday the military newspaper, Krasnaya Zvezda, warned that air space in the region was overcrowded and that special care and accuracy were required.

Soviet officials yesterday stood by their initial estimates of the death toll as being between 40,000 and 45,000.

On Sunday President Gorbachov said the bodies needed

Britain's highest thermal underwear company, Damart, of West Yorkshire, is sending 500 items to Armenia.

The paper compared the Soviet operation unfavourably with the methods of a French team working in Leninakan.

How was it, the paper asked, that the French could set up a mobile generator in a matter of minutes and immediately set about excavation work, whereas for every Russian worker there was a dozen

"observers" to give advice? The French co-ordinated their activity, Pravda said, while the Russians had their specialists in one area, their dogs somewhere else and the equipment somewhere different.

The same article condemned the three-day delay in providing lifting equipment, generators, tents and arc lights.

Quoting a local building contractor, Pravda questioned construction standards in Leninakan. Most of the buildings that collapsed were built in the period of "stagnation" — under Brezhnev — the paper said, but perhaps they did not have to collapse.

Builders had repeatedly been warned about the risk of earthquakes, but had followed the slogan "economical economies".

Noting that not all buildings of that period had collapsed, the builder suggested that shoddy workmanship and even corruption had led to the wrong proportions of sand and cement being used.

A Deputy Minister of Construction, Mr Leonid Bibin, yesterday tried to answer some of the criticism of building standards.

While admitting that poor workmanship and corruption might have played a part, he said regulations stipulated that construction had to be able to withstand earthquakes of 7, 8 or 9 points on the Soviet scale, depending where they were sited.

Crumbled cathedral stands among the ruins



Some stunned residents of Leninakan viewing the shattered remains of the centuries-old cathedral in the centre of Armenia's second largest city yesterday.

Crush injury surgeons sent

By David Rowan
Britain yesterday provided additional medical assistance to survivors of the earthquake when eight doctors specially skilled in trauma surgery and the treatment of crush injuries flew to Armenia.

The doctors, led by Dr Anthony Redmond, are from the South Manchester Accident Rescue Team based on the Withington Hospital.

light. Another 10 doctors are standing by. Six Kent fire officers also left for Armenia yesterday to join three London firemen already working there.

The 14 members of the International Rescue Corps already working in Spitak, the worst-hit Armenian town, were joined yesterday by 15

colleagues. A Home Office fire inspector is also in the area. Donations of medical supplies and clothing left Britain at the weekend.

A million antibiotic tablets had also been dispatched, together with half a tonne of blankets, a quarter of a tonne of food and 15 tonnes of blood-transfusion equipment.

Moscow appeals for more equipment and drugs

By Andrew McEwen and Ian Murray
The huge world response to the Armenian earthquake continued yesterday, but the Soviet authorities emphasized the need for equipment and drugs rather than more rescue workers.

Two Israeli Hercules transport aircraft carrying 50 medical staff turned back halfway to the Soviet Union after being told no more rescue workers were needed.

Instead Israel will now send requested medical supplies and equipment, of which there is a real shortage.

A Dutch medical relief crew was refused visas, according to a Red Cross spokesman in Amsterdam. They were told that workers were no longer needed.

But a Soviet Embassy spokesman in London said it was not a case of declining all further offers of such help.

A team of 20 nurses and doctors was to fly to Moscow last night to operate 30 kidney dialysis machines sent out on

the same flight. Two British teams of rescue and medical specialists have been funded by the Government, while the dialysis machines and support teams came from a mixture of private efforts by the Armenian community in Britain and other sources.

A team of 15 men from the International Rescue Corps, a charity, left yesterday. Mr Terry Price, the corps commander, said that an earlier team, which was already using fibre-optic cables in the search for survivors, was having

language difficulties because of a lack of interpreters. A British Red Cross plane flew to Yerevan with 40 tonnes of medical supplies, tents and blankets. Other relief workers were taking thermal-imaging cameras and sound-detecting devices.

Moscow appealed through the UN Disaster and Relief Organization for more cranes and equipment to cut through cement and steel.

At the Moscow Narodny Bank, in King William Street, London, yesterday the total was estimated at £670,000, which by lunch-time had climbed to over £750,000.

pledged £200,000 to the fund, already boosted by an earlier cheque for \$200,000 (£117,000).

Donations to Aid Armenia, another main appeal fund, were conservatively estimated at £375,000 by yesterday afternoon, although the size of the response ensured that volunteers — some of whom had worked solidly for 20 hours — were too busy to calculate more exact figures.

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"We have been overwhelmed by the kindness," said Mr Kurkjian. "The best

hope we have is that out of the tragedy some good will flow."

At the British Red Cross, the number of credit card donation lines has been increased due to the strength of the public's response.

Already the Government has pledged cash aid to the value of £5 million, which Mr Chris Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said may be increased.

He added that Soviet officials were impressed by the British public's response: "Soviet officials have noted that nobody has been more generous so far, and nobody has acted more promptly."

materials. The rest was in cash. Italy sought Soviet permission to build a prefabricated village in Armenia for quake survivors.

In the United States, the Government, private groups and individuals produced the largest US aid effort for the Soviet Union since the Second World War.

West Germany said it would send 70 earth-moving vehicles and the Dutch Red

Cross said it was flying out blood transfusion equipment, antibiotics and surgical linen.

Gulf Arab states, including Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, which have no diplomatic ties with Moscow, gave \$500,000.

The European Community said in Brussels it was sending an extra \$1.2 million after giving \$600,000 last week.

Austria sent 20 tonnes of equipment with mountain rescue workers and dogs trained to find people in avalanches.

The Republic of Ireland, the Irish Roman Catholic relief agency, Trocaire, and the Church of Ireland are giving a total of \$240,000.

Forecasting ruled out for many years to come

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent
The prospect of earthquake warnings to avoid severe loss of life is still years away.

Dr Russ Evans, a seismologist at the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, said yesterday: "Not in the foreseeable future is it going to be possible to issue something like a weather forecast for earthquakes.

An analysis of historical records, including ancient manuscripts, to establish how earthquakes build up and occur is one of the principal tools now being used in the search for a prediction technique.

constant rate. For example, the San Andreas fault in California appears to have a 22-year cycle, making an earthquake measuring 6.5 likely there before 1993.

However, prompted by pioneering research by Soviet seismologists, the British Geological Survey is investigating a way of monitoring rock directly to discover when stresses are building up.

Dr Evans said that some encouraging results have already been obtained in California using one suspected indicator of underlying stresses.

If predicting earthquakes accurately is still beyond the wit of man, building to reduce their effects

most certainly is not. The principles have been known for years and ways of incorporating them are well-established, at least in developed countries at risk from earthquakes, such as Japan and the US.

The tragedy, British experts say, is that those countries most likely to be hit are also the least likely to have done anything about protection.

Engineers use records of earthquake intensity in a particular region to estimate the likely acceleration a building would undergo during a typical quake.

According to Dr Keith Eaton, head of the structural design division of the Government's Building Re-

search Establishment near Watford, civil engineers usually opt for a structure that remains as rigid as possible, judging that the sheer strength of the building will leave it standing.

Reinforced concrete columns and beams, reinforcing bars through masonry and careful attention to joints between masonry components will significantly increase the strength of a building.

Contrary to widespread opinion, the extra cost of the simplest measures is not great. Dr Eaton says. Studies show it to be around 5 per cent of the total building cost.

preventive measures in many countries.

Studies of past disasters show that about a third of those trapped in a collapsed building die. Untrained rescuers can unwittingly kill those they try to save, through ignorance of the "crush syndrome" first recognized in the London blitz.

Crushed muscle tissue releases a protein, myoglobin, into the bloodstream which clogs up the kidneys.

Mr Peter Savage, a surgeon and disaster planner at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, said yesterday that the kidney dialysis machines being used in Armenia had not proved very effective against the crush syndrome.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Moscow defence policy changes

The Soviet Union would fight a conventional war in Europe by remaining on the defensive for from 20 to 30 days before counter-attacking across Nato borders, according to new military thinking in Moscow (Michael Evans writes). This new concept, part of what President Gorbachov has called "defensive defence", has been outlined to United States arms-control officials to explain the changing strategy now being adopted by Moscow.

Yesterday, Mr Paul Nitze, a special arms-control adviser to President Reagan, revealed the Soviet plan when asked about Mr Gorbachov's decision unilaterally to withdraw thousands of tanks and troops from Eastern Europe.

Speaking during a live Worldnet satellite news conference, he said that if this new concept were carried out, it would make "perfectly good sense" for the Soviet Union to move its offensive equipment back from the front line.

Belgrade bid for EEC

Belgrade (Reuters) — The secretary of Yugoslavia's Communist Party Politburo, Mr Stefan Korosec, has proposed that the country should apply for membership of the European Community.

He put forward the idea at a meeting of the party's policy-making Central Committee, which is debating economic and party reforms.

Paris (AFP) — A regretful Mr Lech Walesa waving goodbye to Britain yesterday, left, after failing to meet Brigitte Bardot, the former French actress.

"This splendid woman was my first love, but, please, do not tell my wife," the leader of Poland's banned Solidarity trade union said at a news conference here.

He added: "I loved her on the screen when I was a young man, but now that I am old I should have liked to meet this great lady. However, fate was against it."

Bardot eludes Walesa

Stockholm (Reuters) — Swedish researchers said yesterday they had developed a new drug which they described as an important breakthrough in the fight against Aids.

The drug, fluorodeoxythymidine (FLT), had drastically weakened the Aids virus in trials on monkeys and on human cells.

He said FLT would have fewer side-effects than any other anti-Aids medicine, but two more years of work were needed. The only anti-Aids drug licensed in the US is AZT.

Berlin (AP) — Police have arrested two Britons who allegedly tried to sell the Nazi uniform of Rudolf Hess and other belongings of Hitler's former deputy to his son, West Berlin's Justice Department alleged the two had tried to "blackmail" Wolf-Ruediger Hess into paying 500,000 marks (about £156,000) for the belongings, which also included a flying cap and several watches.

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A new death squad adds to Sri Lanka's pre-election chaos

From Edward Gorman, Colombo

A new underground death squad is being blamed for a dramatic increase in political killings as Sri Lanka's most important presidential election since independence enters its final stage.

Unconfirmed reports yesterday put the death toll for Sunday night and early Monday at 67, making it the highest total for a 24-hour period in the campaign.

A total of 38 killings were reported in the southern coastal towns of Matara and Galle, and five bodies were found dumped on roadsides in the fishing community of Hambantota near by.

In one incident near Ambalangoda, also in Southern province, suspected Sinhalese extremists launched a hand-grenade attack on the home of a ruling United National Party supporter, killing eight members of a family.

The Janata Vimukti Peramuna (People's Liberation Front), a Sinhalese nationalist movement committed to the overthrow of President Jayewardene's Government, has been waging a campaign of assassination, which has claimed the lives of more than 700 government supporters since July last year.

But analysts here say a new death squad — the so-called People's Revolutionary Red

Army — is responsible for many of the latest killings in the south and central areas of the island. The targets, in what is seen as an attempt to avenge the slaughter of recent months, are almost exclusively members of the JVP.

In Matara, where the pre-election crisis has been particularly acute, an estimated 50 people have died in the past week. Posters lying beside many of the bullet-riddled or burnt bodies normally dumped early in the morning in the town read: "This is the punishment meted to JVP men for killing innocent people".

Police and army officers in the town describe the killings as "acts of anti-subversive elements". They deny any connection with, or knowledge of, the Red Army.

But independent observers are convinced the new death

squads must be linked in some way to the security forces. They say that the Red Army's activities have been marked by unusual professionalism and discipline, and that although most of the killings have taken place during curfew hours, no suspect has been arrested.

Some believe the Red Army has been organized by the Government to hit back at its political opponents and are linking it with the police commando unit known as the Special Task Force. This elite group was trained by British mercenaries in the early 1980s and helped to subdue the Tamil Tiger separatist guerrillas in Eastern province before Indian troops arrived last year. The unit's officers deny any link, saying it is on special duty in Colombo.

Others link the Red Army with the Sri Lanka Mahajana (People's) Party led by underdog presidential candidate, Mr Ossi Abeyoonasekera. They say it may have been formed to protect Mr Abeyoonasekera and his supporters from recent attacks on their rallies by the JVP.

The JVP, unbowed by the killings, has called for strikes, or hartals, in protest against the election throughout this week and a boycott of next Monday's poll.

Bail for five blacks accused of treason



Mr Moses Mayekiso, the prominent black South African trade union leader, leaving the Johannesburg Supreme Court with his wife Kola yesterday, after he was unexpectedly released on bail of 10,000 rands (about £1,300).

Mr Mayekiso is charged with treason along with four other men who were each granted bail of 5,000 rands. The five have been in custody for up to 30 months, often in solitary confinement (AP reports).

The charges arise from the alleged attempted political takeover of Alexan-

dra, the black township adjoining Johannesburg. The trial was adjourned last month until February.

Sanctions pressure Strong pressure for further political and economic sanctions against South Africa is building up in Europe, according to a group of leading Afrikaner businessmen who have returned home after a tour of four capitals, including London (Ray Kennedy writes).

At the same time, two influential American Democratic senators have left South Africa questioning the Govern-

ment's desire for dialogue with blacks "when they are locking up the next generation of leaders".

Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, and Senator David Boren, chairman of the Senate select committee on intelligence, said they would adopt a wait-and-see stance on sanctions on their return home.

They said President Botha had given them no reason to believe that radical change was imminent or that Nelson Mandela was about to be released.

Latin America tackles its debts

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Ministers from seven Latin American countries met here yesterday to discuss strategies to reduce the huge amount of foreign debt that has virtually halted economic growth in the region and endangered recently established democratic governments.

The meeting of ministers from countries known as the Group of Eight is being held against a background of demands for significant debt relief for Latin American and other Third World countries.

Seven countries were represented: Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Venezuela and Colombia. Panama, the eighth country in the group, dropped out last year due to the political turmoil there.

Altogether the seven countries owe foreign creditors \$350 billion (£189 billion), about a third of the total Third World debt, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Many leaders were heartened last week when President Gorbachov called for a moratorium of 100 years on repayment of Third World debts during his speech to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In addition, political shifts throughout the region have increased pressures for a more forceful approach to the debt crisis which creditors and debtors alike have, for the most part, treated gingerly for the last six years.

One approach under consideration is for debtor countries to turn old debt into new bonds or securities.

These could be backed by guarantees from industrialized countries or the World Bank. Creditors would be repaid according to the full value of these debt securities, but accept lower interest.

Another proposal would be to use funds of the IMF or World Bank to buy up a large portion of Third World debt at a market "discount".

In each case the banks would have to accept a loss on a portion of their credits, but at least they would be assured of receiving something for their loans.

González faces challenge of first general strike for 50 years

By Philip Jacobson

An increasingly bitter confrontation between the Socialist Government of the Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, and the country's main trade union will culminate in Spain's first general strike for more than half a century tomorrow.

Since the protest against government employment policies is intended to last only 24 hours, the damage to Europe's most thriving economy should be minimal.

The most keenly felt effect on the public will probably be the cancellation of the scheduled league football matches because members of the Spanish Players' Association are to hang up their

boots for the day. Yet on both sides of the divide there is a clear realization that far more is ultimately at stake.

The after-effects of what may yet turn out to be a violent affair could significantly affect domestic politics just as Spain is preparing to take the international stage with its first term as president of the EEC.

While Señor González is understandably touchy about anything that mars the country's image abroad at a moment of such great significance for the "new" Spain — which has also taken its seat in Nato and joined the Western European Union in the past few weeks — his pressing concern must be the sharp deterioration in relations with the Socialist Party's own

General Workers' Union. Despite the long-standing fraternal link, the union's determined leader, Señor Nicolás Redondo, has been masterminding the build-up in tomorrow's strike.

The fact that Señor Redondo was once one of the Prime Minister's inner circle and a valued mentor and friend only adds spice to their impending clash.

Behind this serious collision is the recent breakdown in relations arising from the union's stern opposition to the Government's plans to introduce a highly controversial scheme for providing employment for school-leavers.

To the unions, this measure — essentially enabling companies to obtain an official subsidy by taking

on youngsters at the minimum wage — is a device providing employers with a golden opportunity to replace workers with cheaper labour which can later be discarded as required.

The crux of the present argument is whether the proposed scheme will eventually increase employment.

Among the dazzling statistics of economic growth which pour out of Madrid is the Government's claim to have been creating nearly a thousand jobs a day for much of 1988.

Yet, by any standards, Spain's unemployment rate of nearly 20 per cent is the worst in Western Europe, roughly double the average for EEC members, even taking

account of the large and sophisticated "black" economy.

But an even more worrying statistic is that about 200,000 young Spaniards are entering the job market annually from school. In the early 1990s this is expected to leap to 650,000.

A few months ago Señor González received an official report advising that the only way out of this extremely worrying corner was a combination of continued high economic growth linked to curbs on pay rises and a great deal more "flexibility" in the labour market.

Señor Redondo disagreed vehemently. The Socialist hierarchy, in turn, has reacted angrily to the strike call.

Señor Redondo is accused of

being a tool of the extreme right, and there are threats of legislation to confiscate union funds.

There are also officially inspired leaks about Señor González contemplating an early general election, should Spanish workers respond to the strike call in large numbers.

To some observers, the Prime Minister's fierce reaction reflects the fear that a successful strike tomorrow could usher in a long and difficult winter of discontent that might seriously harm Spain's continued economic growth.

Others believe he would have been better advised to ignore the whole thing, leaving the increasingly frustrated unions to blow off a bit of steam.

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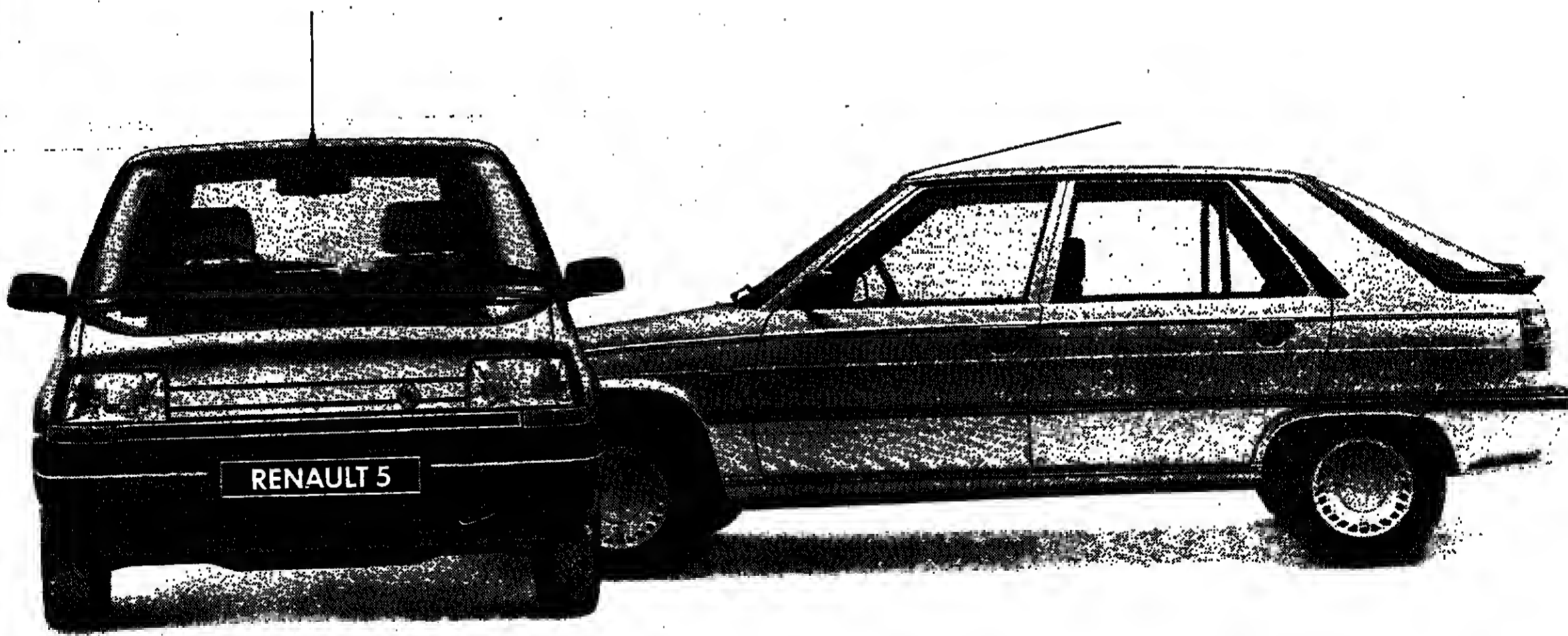
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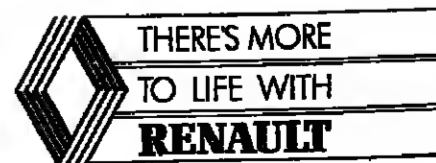
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HORIZONS

Whitehall-coated scientists

Mathematician in the greenhouse

The Civil Service plans to recruit up to 900 scientists during 1989, a significant increase on this year's intake of 750.

Operating more than 100 laboratories, the Civil Service offers jobs galore. Neil Harris reports

in maths, physics, oceanography and electronic engineering for work on such areas as sonar, underwater weapons and electronic warfare.



Steve Foreman: Weather experiments on land, sea and in the air

The laboratories vary greatly in size, specialities, and numbers recruited. The Ministry of Defence establishments, with 600 vacancies, will take two-thirds of next year's intake.

for next year, possibly resulting from the aftermath of last year's hurricane. It is seeking 20 researchers and 60 forecasters.

Outside the Ministry of Defence there are plenty of other opportunities for scientists. The Transport and Road Research Laboratory, based at Crowthorne, East Sussex, for example, investigates many of the acute problems involving vehicles and road surfaces.

The Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, is one of the largest European electronics research laboratories, carrying out research on electronic devices and materials, microwave devices and signal processing, laser techniques and infra-red displays.

We are all familiar with the day-to-day forecasts through the media, but hear less about the development of automatic weather-observing stations, how rainfall is measured by radar, or the services to oil companies, agriculture and the water industry.

Several establishments have vacancies for chemists, including the Warren Spring Laboratory, at Stevenage, Hertfordshire which studies pollution, water and waste treatment.

Based at Bracknell, Berkshire, the Meteorological Office, has 80 vacancies - many more than usual

The Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire is rarely out of the news, but the fact that it will have more than 60 vacancies for scientists next year has not received much publicity.

Such is the competition for scientists that the Admiralty Research Establishment at Portland, Hampshire, is advertising an open day for undergraduates on December 20. It wants to recruit graduates

has no shortage of applicants for its few vacancies. Using the most advanced techniques, it provides scientific backing for the fight against crime. Together with the laboratories of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food and the Tropical Products Institute, it also recruits life scientists, particularly biochemists.

provincial laboratory might begin his career on about £9,250 a year, while someone with a computer science degree and working on software in London could earn £13,000 a year.

There is a gradual move away from fixed salary scales for everyone to rates of pay which depend on location and the degree of competition the service is up against in the job market as an employer. A scientific officer in a

by creating the Science Management Trainee Scheme. Next year it intends to recruit 19 scientists to this programme. Applicants will have to run the full Civil Service selection board gamut of tests, interviews and group exercises, rather than the interview panels adopted for scientific officer selection.

Those scientists who succeed in getting on to this scheme can expect to be promoted to higher positions by placements through a range of jobs which will bring them

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SPECTRUM

When survivors are victims, too

Disasters such as the train crash at Clapham Junction yesterday leave in their wake an incalculable total of damaged people.

The condition is familiar from wartime; from the shell-shocked veterans of the First World War to the survivors of Vietnam.

The mounting scale of civilian disasters in recent years has brought a wider recognition that it is not only the battle-field which inflicts these psychological scars.

Reactions to extreme stress differ widely and counsellors are still assessing methods for dealing with its effects.

Dr James Thompson, senior lecturer in psychology at the Middlesex Hospital, London, who counselled victims of the King's Cross disaster last year, says that we have only recently begun to realize how wide the net has to be cast.

After the Underground disaster at King's Cross on the evening of November 18 last year, in which 31 people died, he and his colleagues drew up a list of 670 people who were potentially at risk from the psychological effects of what they experienced.

Dr Thompson says that the medical profession is still experimenting with techniques to treat stress disorders. "We cannot say definitely that one way is correct and another is not."

He favours "anything which allows people to come to terms with the way they have coped in a disaster. Most people are not aware of the extremes of human emotion. They set themselves excessively high standards in a disaster situation and then develop guilt feelings when they fail to match them."

Dr Thompson has encouraged victims he has counselled to talk through their experiences in long, detailed sessions in which they remember their emotional responses, and relive and air their fears with others involved.

In the wake of the Clapham rail disaster, Anne McElvoy looks at post-traumatic stress and considers the need for a national team of experienced counsellors

and a half years after the stadium fire, some survivors are still receiving counselling. Dr John Bonn is a consultant psychiatrist and director of the stress management unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

'There is a very strong case for establishing a corps of experts'

not provide an adequate service for those affected by civilian disasters.

"Counselling is organized on an ad hoc basis, relying on the goodwill of people who have previous experience to provide advice and support," he says. "There is a very strong case for establishing a corps of people with expert knowledge who could go straight into the affected areas and organize the collection of information and setting up of an effective support network."

In the chaos of the moment, he says, it is easy to lose to the crowd

people who may later suffer from the effects of what they have witnessed. "We often underestimate the effects on survivors and simply think how lucky they were to get out alive. Many suffer a terrible sense of guilt and a feeling of 'Why did I survive when those around me died?'"

The despair and frustration engendered by the attempt to rationalize the irrational can, he says, last for many years and often stretches families to breaking point.

Many sufferers of post-traumatic stress do not initially respond to offers of treatment - suppression of the experience is itself a symptom of the condition - and instead off-load their suffering on to their families. The Zebrugga tragedy left a string of broken marriages in its wake.

Families and friends also find it

hard to be supportive over such a long period.

John Crook, Bradford's Director of Social Services, emphasizes the vital importance of collecting data swiftly and accurately. "If you let these people slip through the net and back into the community without at least knowing where help can be found, you are unleashing a load of unhappiness on them and their families."

Bradford's stress management was self-taught. "We had one to turn to," Crook says. "We just jumped in and hoped we were doing it right." Since then, his team of social workers have been called in to advise after Zebrugga, King's Cross and Hungerford.

A national team of experienced advisers to supervise post-disaster counselling is, he says, long overdue. Camden social services department, which dealt with the aftermath of King's Cross, has offered its experience to help Wandsworth organize a response to the Clapham tragedy.

Crook, along with many other stress experts, has been campaigning since 1985 to put this service on a clearer footing and for a government-funded team to advise on the management of post-traumatic stress trauma.



Alive: but yesterday's survivors might still need psychological help

As simple as ABC

What is the other word in English that includes the letters ABC consecutively in that order? (Oh, we discuss more important things than politics and hard news at the word laboratory, I can tell you.)

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Mab being short for Mabel. In the male chauvinist slant of English, Mab was used to mean a slattern, or a woman of loose character; and "to mab" meant to dress untidily.

Mob is an abbreviation of mobile raiges. Latin for the fickle rabble. Swift thought that such trendy abbrevs were destroying the language.

Favel. This beast symbolized causing and bestial degradation. To carry is to stroke or smooth down. To carry Favel is to enlist the services of duplicity; and so to seek to obtain by insincere flattery, to ingratiate oneself by sycophantic officiousness, in short to be behave like MPs (or journalists for that matter) on the make.

And here we are, Eureka. In a dictionary of unusual words of 1829: "Mab, verb, to dress carelessly. Hence MAB-CAP, generally called mob-cap, a cap which fits under the chin - worn by elderly women."

Favel may even be true. After folk, there's sought so strange as words, which are the windy phantasms and creations of folk.

Philip Howard

From asses to leopards, Israel is restoring its ancient wildlife

Shepherds watching over their flocks in the Judean hills during the last hours BC had every reason to be vigilant. Leopards, desert wolves and even lions roamed the night and tended to draw close.

Although game abounded, it was elusive. Domestic animals were a temptation and men armed themselves with staves to drive away marauders. Through war, land development and the sporting gun, wildlife in the Holy Land and the rest of the tumultuous Middle East suffered reverses on a biblical scale.

In recent years, however, there has been a growing movement in Israel towards re-establishing species lost or severely diminished in numbers. Avraham Yoffe, a retired general who served as head of the Nature Reserves Authority, helped to set the mood by coining a Second Law of Return. The first is that any Jew has a right to return to the homeland and receive citizenship.

Yoffe's supplement to it holds that any wild animal whose ancestors inhabited Israel should be restored. Predators give a good indication of the state of nature in any area. Occupying the pinnacle of an ecological pyramid, they must have adequate prey, which in turn requires sufficient vegetation and unpolluted water.

It is if oow primarily an animal of sub-Saharan Africa and the Far East, the leopard has overthrown an ancient history in the Mediterranean basin. In the 1960s, sightings were rare; today as many as three dozen leopards live in wild corners of the country.

Bible's beasts return



The oryx: back via the US

Israel, said: "The leopard returned because conservation allowed the numbers of ibex, a prey species, to increase. The public in Israel is now much more conscious of the importance of nature than that in Britain. All schools include it in the curriculum."

Some animals need more than encouragement, among them the white oryx antelope, a contender with the extinct aurochs to be the inspiration for the unicorn. ("Joseph's

horns are like the horns of an oryx; with them he will push the people together to the ends of the earth." Deut. 33:17).

The last wild example to the world probably fell to a hunter in 1972. But a captive breeding programme, in which the British-based Fauna and Flora Preservation Society plays a major role, allowed its numbers to be built up in Arizona.

Three pairs of white oryx were flown in 1978 from the United States to Israel, where they became the founding fathers and mothers of stock which will be released from a reserve, to roam in the stamping grounds of their ancestors.

A similar story surrounds the onager, a wild ass. ("The wild asses did stand in the high places; they snuffed up the wind like dragons." Jer. 14:6). Onagers disappeared from the region in the last century, but in 1982 a test herd of Asiatic wild asses, their nearest relatives, was released in the central Negev desert and the numbers have grown.

A further recent reintroduction has been of the swift, much-hunted ostrich, which lingered, though out for long, into this century. ("The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and plumage of love?" Job 39:13). The lioo is mentioned 130 times in scripture (eg. "The lioo bath roared, who will out fear?" Am. 3:8) and survived into the Middle Ages. But the Asiatic lion, now confined to an Indian forest, is among the once-native animals to which the Israelis may have to bid farewell for ever.

Like the hippopotamus ("Behold oow, behemoth... his limbs are like bars of iron." Job 15:24) the lioo - albeit the symbol of Jerusalem - would find the modern state too far changed from the days of the prophets.

John A. Hill

ARMENIA EARTHQUAKE

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Thousands are dead. Countless men, women and children have survived but urgently need your help. Please make your donation at any branch of the following Building Societies, or send your gift direct to us with the coupon below.

This Christmas, your gift could save a life or bring long-term hope to those who have lost everything. Building Societies which will receive your gift are: ABBEY NATIONAL, ALLIANCE & LEICESTER, BIRMINGHAM MIDDLESBURY, BRADFORD & BINGLEY, BRISTOL & WEST, BRITANNIA, CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER, CHESHIRE, HALIFAX, LEEDS & HOLBECK, LEEDS PERMANENT, NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL, NATIONWIDE ANGLIA, PRINCIPALITY, SUSSEX COUNTY, WEST BROMICH, WOOLWICH, YORKSHIRE.

Form for donating to the Armenia Earthquake relief effort, including fields for name, address, and amount.

Telecom Security advertisement featuring a house illustration and text: 'WATCHING OVER YOUR HOME & YOUR FAMILY. Comprehensive Protection for an Installation Fee of only £95.00 INC VAT. 24 Hour Monitoring. Bell Box. £14.50 MONTHLY RENTAL & MONITORING.

A GREAT LATE GIFT IDEA advertisement for National Garden Gift Tokens, featuring illustrations of gift tokens and text: 'Having problems choosing presents for friends or family? Gift National GARDEN GIFT TOKENS and let them select their gift at any one of our 1500 member Garden Centres and Shops, and at Interiors Florists nationwide.'

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON POLITICAL COMMUNICATION MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND advertisement, including details about the event and a coupon for more information.

TIMES DIARY

DAVID WALKER

In The Greasy Pole, his memoirs of the 1950s, that unique Tory Liverpudlian Reginald Bevis...

It was an interesting observation, since Powell had not exactly got on with Sharpe when he was junior to Duncan Sandys at housing...

History and Thorneycroft have a rendezvous in three weeks' time when the Public Record Office opens the Cabinet files for 1958...

Reginald Bevis - father of the political editor of another daily newspaper - was at the time junior minister at housing to Henry Brooke...

BARRY FANTONI



'Very useful - book the best popular and we'll have the beach to ourselves'

Another man in a seat usually cool but suddenly heated is Owen Thomas, executive director of the Electoral Reform Society...

The Centre for Economic Policy Research may be a late entrant in the think-tank stakes but it is fast acquiring a reputation for the speed with which it gets material off the academic word-processor into a form in which it means something to policy makers...

The disaster at Clapham Junction seems to show yet again that the most dangerous time on any transport system is when it is in the middle of being modernized...

Since the driver of the second train from Poole was killed as his train hit the one from Basingstoke, it will be some time before the full cause of the crash is known...

The Kings Cross station fire a year ago was also, it will be recalled, in a station that was in the throes of being modernized, with builders' equipment behind hoardings...

Traditionally the attitude of the Soviet state towards the law has been ambivalent. On the one hand Marxist theory views the state as the governing committee of the ruling class...

The 19th party conference this summer took up such trivial-looking but actually rather significant minutiae of the legal process and subsumed them under the heading of 'forming the socialist legal state'...

Those words, I believe, are historic. If they mean what they say, they imply that the ultimate goal of the socialist state is no longer the building of communism...

Martin Mogridge on the lessons of yesterday's disaster

Avoiding another Clapham

The motorways, too, are at their most dangerous when repairs are being carried out and contra-flow systems are in operation...

And yet this is somewhat paradoxical, as the number of people killed on the roads each year is outnumbered by the thousands in London alone...

possible for a computer programme to direct a car through a network, and via central computer control to avoid traffic jams...

the basic problem of moving the vast numbers of people in and out of London and our other major cities each day...

Geoffrey Hosking

From comrade to citizen



Freedom of information is not the only civil liberty advanced by perestroika and glasnost. The rule of law and the freedom of the individual have become subjects of serious debate...

He will be able to participate in political life by choosing between different candidates put forward for local councils, and to exercise this choice responsibly...

party will be increasingly out of touch with educated people in the society it claims to rule. He has recognized that, without the rule of law and respect for the individual...

he would become what the Soviet Union has never had before, a popularly elected leader. Armed with a dual mandate, from party and people, he would secure an extra foothold for dealing with those recalcitrant apparatchiks...

These problems are not necessarily exacerbated by glasnost, but they are made more conspicuous by it. Under pressure from them, Gorbachev might feel compelled to trim back his policies...

Although not given to prophecy, I'm prepared to forecast that the workers will begin to organize in self-defence against price rises and other consequences of economic reform...

Commentary • MARY ANN SIEGHART

Slotting in TV quality

In October, at an international television fair, I forced myself to sit through a three-hour TV adaptation of Robert Bolt's A Man for All Seasons...

This was a classic example of the new TV fashion for co-productions, in which TV companies in different countries form a consortium to make an expensive drama...

British television if the Government ploughs ahead with its broadcasting white paper, due to be debated in the House of Lords today...

of a high enough quality. So the companies have a direct incentive to spend money on good programmes. If the ITV franchises are instead auctioned to the highest bidder...

tougher regulatory powers than the IBA, the ITC will never be able to pit itself against the inevitable economic forces that will engineer the demise of high-quality drama on ITV...

ON THIS DAY 1912

A gross of shirts may sound excessive, however long the journey, but Macculey in his Historical Essays quotes a letter home from Robert Clive...

SOME HINTS FOR SEAGOING OUTFITS

It is a commonplace to speak of the enormous increase in the facilities of travel in the last few decades; but perhaps we do not often realize how much the conditions have changed for our comfort in a multitude of minor details...

thirty days on board a liner without opportunity to have his linen laundered; wherefore on distant voyages no article of luggage is more nearly indispensable than the capacious sack or carry-all...

SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will open a symposium on substance abuse at the Royal College of Physicians...

Archbishop to visit Africa

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is to visit Africa for two weeks next June. He has accepted an invitation to visit the Church of the Province of Central Africa...

Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP

Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral today at 11.00am for Sir John Biggs-Davison...

Luncheons

Newspaper Conference: The Lord Chancellor was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Newspaper Conference...

Aircraft Goffing Society: Mr Denis Thatcher was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Aircraft Goffing Society...

Reception

Zaiwalla & Company: Mr Michael Spicer, MP, Minister of State for Energy, was the Principal Guest at the Annual Christmas Reception given by the Partners of Zaiwalla & Company...

Service dinner

Combined Cadet Force: Wing Commander G.D. Sinker presided at the annual officers' dinner of the Combined Cadet Force...

Let there be right.

The diseases of poverty, like polio and TB, are still crippling millions of children. Christian Aid is funding work in many parts of the world to change living conditions and give children their right to life.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. Churches in action with the world's poor. Includes text about therapy and training skills, and a list of countries where aid is provided.

SCIENCE REPORT

Standing up to earthquakes

Japanese engineers are now seriously seeking to protect buildings against earthquakes by fitting them with mechanical devices to neutralize the shaking caused by ground motion. This latest adaptation to life in a seismic zone is the work of researchers at Kajima Corporation...

Church news

Appointments: The Rev Michael Ballard, Vicar of St. Andrew's, to be Vicar of St. John's. Resignations and retirements: The Rev Canon Anthony Booth, to retire as Rector of St. John's...

Dinners

Guilford of Freeman of the City of London: The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoresse, accompanied by the Sheriff and the ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London...

John Francome is 36 today

The Aga Khan, 52; Lord Alexander of Potterhill, 83; Earl Armer, 92; Sir Terence Beckett, former director-general, CBI, 65; the Hon Sir George Bell...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Drummond of Hawthornden, poet, Hawthornden, Lothian, 1585; Heinrich Heine, poet, Düsseldorf, 1797...

Bridge

The inter-regional teams of eight qualifying rounds organized by the English Bridge Union for the Tollemache Cup took place at the De Vere Hotel, Coventry, over the weekend...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.S. Field and Miss A.B. Sayers: The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Field...

Marriage

Mr J.P. Fuller and Miss K.J. Quinn: The marriage took place at The Temple Church on December 10, 1966...

OBITUARIES

DENNIS ARUNDELL

Versatile man of the theatre

Dennis Arundell, who has died aged 90, covered almost every aspect of theatre and opera. He was producer and composer, actor and broadcaster, historian and musicologist...



Dennis Arundell: suave stage presence of the Thirties

husband, he was as far from Lord Peter as could be imagined. He was a lively Autolytus at the Open Air Theatre in 1944. Three years later, besides playing Philip in J.B. Priestley's 'Ever Since Paradise'...

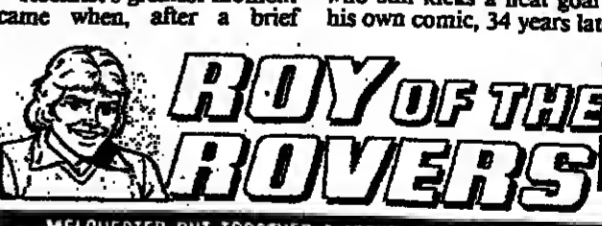
British public warmed to Janacek and Wolf-Ferrari's 'quattro rustichi', loosely translated into English as 'School for Fathers'. He had only one engagement at Covent Garden. This was in 1951 when Sir Thomas Beecham decided, perversely in the view of some, to revive Balfe's 'The Bohemian Girl'...

FRANK PEPPER

Creator of Rockfist Rogan and other boys' heroes

Frank S. Pepper, creator of Roy of the Rovers, Rockfist Rogan, and many other boys' heroes, died on December 11 at the age of 78. In over fifty years as a freelance writer he turned out fact and fiction at the average rate of 20,000 words a week...

Lieutenant Rogan, 'known as Rockfist to his chums in the Freelance Squadron because of his prowess as a boxer' (as the series invariably began), fought his first round in October 1938, and quickly became the most popular hero in 'The Champion'...



Pepper was born in Ilford on February 8, 1910. An early urge to write was rewarded when, at the age of 12, he sent a paragraph to the Daily News and was paid half-a-crown. Matriculating from Ilford High School, the 16 year old Pepper abandoned university plans when he learned that an office boy was required by Arthur Mee, founder and editor of the Children's Newspaper...

DR ÅKE HULDT

A master of exhibition design from Sweden

With the death on December 10 of Dr Åke H. Huldt, Sweden has lost a leading light in design during the great years of Scandinavian design. There was no institution connected with the subject which did not benefit from his taste, knowledge, enthusiasm and organizing capacity.

Industrial Design. He then moved to Göteborg as dean of the local art school from which he organized the great international exhibition 'H55' at Helsingborg, which in turn led to his international reputation as a master of exhibition design. He staged Sweden's contribution to the first Milan Triennale, while from 1959-64 he ran Svensk Form, the Stockholm Design Centre. This led to his taking the post of Rector of the neighbouring Konstfackskolan (the Royal College of Art of Sweden) from 1964-76.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

And they shall come forth a root out of the...

BIRTHS

ANJAYD - On December 6th, to Nora (late Stokell) and James, a son, David Thomas Edward. A brother for Rebecca...

MARRIAGES

ALLISON FORBES - On December 6th 1988, Wade William Forrest married to Marilyn Frances Foss (deceased)...

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

CHINAL - Very best wishes Gretchen and Jean on your anniversary today from Lydia, Peter, Rod and Nilsa.

DEATHS

BAKER WHITE - On December 10th 1988, peacefully in the Chancer Hospital after a short illness, John, aged 86, husband of the late...

DOWNING - On December 2nd, 1988, Robert De Quency, was correspondingly dealt with and buried at the cemetery...

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THE ARTS

John Higgins reports from Milan on a typically tempestuous start to the opera season at La Scala

Back projection, belting and brickbats

Rossini's last and grandest opera, Guglielmo Tell has its own storms, first in the familiar overture and then in the less familiar final act...

Sure enough, Gianni Quaranta provides a background of sliding screens on which Dame Nature in all her moods is projected to moving images...

OPERA

Guglielmo Tell La Scala, Milan

Rossini, who could also be a perverse magician, put the most extreme demands on the Paris Opera when he created Tell. Quite apart from devising one of the most exciting roles in the entire tenor repertoire...

performer. A consistent brazen sheen to the voice is coupled with a readiness to attack a vicious series of high notes. The Act Four aria, most testing of all, "O mio asil", was especially fine.

The problem was that it sounded more like Verdi than Rossini. The part needs a lighter and warmer soprano, although Muo may have demanded someone to ride the ensembles...

There were some notably polished performances in the smaller roles: Giorgio Surjan (Gualtiero), Luigi Roni (Gessler) Luciana D'Intino (Edwige) and Vittorio Terranova (Rnodi).



Milan monarch? Riccardo Muti loves the opera and audiences love him



"Panoramic view round the Regent's Park", 1831, a coloured aquatint by Richard Morris, typical of those which were exhibited at the Diorama in the park.

Historical viewpoints

In many respects nature and history have given Francis Danby a raw deal. His temperament seems to have been a problem: dogged endlessly by debt, he ran off to the Continent with his pregnant mistress...

GALLERIES

Francis Danby City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

Panoramania! Barbican Art Gallery

one of those images which unforgettably sum up far more than themselves. And the more overtly sublime inventions are often very fine indeed, repaying a lot of detailed study.

But Panoramania concerns itself literally as well as metaphorically with the panorama, that exotic and irrational form of entertainment which held sway throughout the 19th century.

Through actual examples, reconstructions, miniature versions and the like, along with documentary evidence of what the original Panoramia in Leicester Square and Diorama in Regent's Park really looked like...

When paintings are wider and shallower than these, more like a proper panorama, problems of coherent composition are naturally more marked, and are usually ignored in favour of claims to scrupulous authenticity and documentary value.

Second to none

CONCERTS

OAE/Bruggen Queen Elizabeth Hall

Ask a recorder player to conduct the Eroica Symphony, and one does not expect "normal" Beethoven. But Frans Bruggen and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment provided revelation and exhilaration beyond one's hopes.

lick and a half) were superbly delineated, for all their rampaging progress. Still more decisive was Bruggen's bold, almost theatrical handling of the material.

LSO/Rostropovich Barbican Hall

The central question remains. Can Shostakovich at his most climactic and apparently glorious really be taken at face value? In the case of the Fifth Symphony the answer is probably no - and despite the vividness and the apparent integrity of the pictures the composer paints in his 12th Symphony of 1961...

ment, made with the experience of Stalinism in mind? Whatever the case, the London Symphony Orchestra played the work with due enthusiasm, the brass in particular enjoying what was for them a field day.

How the other half looks

TELEVISION

Television has often tried to make us see how the other half lives, even see ourselves as others see us. Once, the other half was human. Now it is more likely to be animal.

formed that paradigm of trans-species appeal, his wife Jessica.

It also proved that differences can be even more poignant when the trappings of life have become superficially similar: whether Japanese television and cars or a child singing Edelweiss in English.

Songmakers' Almanac

Wigmore Hall

This final programme in the Songmakers' Almanac Schubert/Mendelssohn series began essentially with a song but with Graham Johnson's programme note, which seized upon the point made by David Cairns in The Sunday Times after the first of the series...

Fashion is not the same as style

Alan Barnes Purcell Room

JAZZ

a Sonny Stitt blues. Barnes gave a nod to earlier styles with "Groovio' High" and even a tribute to Coleman Hawkins.

some extraordinarily violent phrasing, as if he were trying to blow the instrument apart.

Bobby Watson Bass Clef

if, as we're always led to believe, fashionable dress is the key to jazz success in Britain, Alan Barnes might as well wind up his quintet and enquire whether the Pasadena Roof Orchestra is willing to take him back.

His interest in the tradition is what one would expect from a member of the Humphrey Lytton Band. Now in his late twenties, the alto and tenor player was previously in the Tommy Chase Quartet and various Mike Westbrook line-ups.

Clive Davis

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FASHION

Dressing along the party lines

Classic frolics with futuristic when well-dressed children get together, Jane Procter writes



Daniel: sailor suit, top, £26.50, knickers, £39.95, from Patrizia Wigan, 19 Walton Street, SW3. Socks, £6.25, Peek-a-Boo, 42 Chiltern Street, SW1. Loafers, £12.99, Saxone and Lilley & Skinner
Miranda: Smocked navy dress with pink/white floral print, £152, Anthea Moore Ede, 16 Victoria Grove, W8. Tights, £3.95, Peek-a-Boo, 42 Chiltern Street, SW1. Pumps, £36, Buckle My Shoe, 19 South Molton Street, W1

Check out the guests at any children's party and you'll believe in time travel. When it comes to sartorial style for the under-sixes, nostalgia walks hand in hand with fantasy.

The classic tradition gains royal endorsement from the young Princes, but the betting is that by the time Princess Beatrice is toddling, the Duchess of York will champion "game for a laugh" leisure-wear.

As I discovered when I invited six fashion industry mothers and their offspring to a studio party, they are as divided as any sisters-in-law over what works best.

Joe, the five-year-old son of Rick and Lucille Lewis, who own the Whistles fashion stores, arrived in a black tracksuit. Daniel, aged four, who has "outgrown the outrageous", according to his mother, the model Harriet Close, wore a pin-stripe shirt and flannel shorts.

Children's style

Joe: Black velvet jacket, £40; matching trousers, £30; shirt, £26; lace-ups, £58; all available from Joanna's Tent, 289b King's Road, SW3

of dressing crosses all price barriers. Marks & Spencer stocks taffeta smocks at £15.99 alongside tracksuits from £16.99. At Next B.G. preppy meets Alice in Wonderland. A smart option is a spotted dress at £19.95.

To save your child from a "snap" appearance, replace the commercial collar with one of antique broderie anglaise, available from Lunn Antiques, 86 New Kings Road, SW6.

Mothercare is trying hard, but, along with some of our major department stores, has fallen into the Lolita trap. Strapless dresses and peek-a-boo panels must be someone's choice.

Our sample were unanimous in selecting the multi-coloured hand-knit dress, worn by Elodie, as their favourite from the party clothes we offered them. The boys loved hats and hated rounded Edwardian collars but, surprisingly, none of them thought sailor suits sissy.



THE MOTHERS' CHOICE, left to right: Miranda, 4, daughter of public relations consultant Christine McCarthy, in velvet sailor dress, £75, The Chelsea Design Co, 46 Fulham Road, SW3. Daniel, 4, son of top model Harriet Close, in stripe shirt, £4.99, Hennes; shorts, £17.50; socks, £6.50, shoes £19.95; Harrods. Elodie, 4, daughter of designer Juliet Dunn, in her mother's taffeta shirt, circa 1879. Joe, 5, son of Lucille and Rick Lewis, owners of Whistles shops, in tracksuit bought in Paris; bowler, £34, Joanna's Tent, 289b King's Road, SW3; bumpers, £37, Buckle My Shoe, 19 St Christopher's Place, W1. Lucie, 4, daughter of hairdressers Liz and Paul Edmonds, in tights and bows in pale pink cotton made by her grandmother. Max, 5, son of hair and makeup agent Joy Goodman, in stripe shirt, £29.50, tartan waistcoat, £18.50, both Harrods; cord trousers, £16, The Gap, 208 Regent Street, W1; lace-ups, £18.99, Next BG

LEFT TO RIGHT: Elodie: Hand-knit dress, £70; tights, £3.95; from Peek-a-Boo, 42 Chiltern Street, W1.
Lucie: Multi-coloured floral T-shirt, £19; cardigan, £25; leggings, £35; scarf, £15; bag £49; beret, £15; Kenzo Kids, 15 Draycott Avenue, SW3. Bumpers, £37, Buckle My Shoe, 19 St Christopher's Place, W1
Max: Red and navy cord waistcoat, £12.70; trousers, £16.75; Christmas print shirt, £16.70; Nipper Mail Order, Gloucester House, 45 Gloucester Street, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 4EW. Brothel creepers, £56, Joanna's Tent, 289b Kings Road, SW3

Hair by Joseph Carney for JJ's, Thurloe Place, SW7
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For those residing in other counties, a small preview selection is available now from Dragons, 23 Walton Street, London SW3, or direct from Mrs Ferguson, Dummer Down, Dummer, Basingstoke RG25 2AR (tel 025 675698). In the spring we can expect an expanded Beloved to be available more widely.

A window on art

The Christmas windows of the White House are attracting crowds of tall and small alike to Bond Street. The artist *Michael Howells* has filled the windows with a recreation of the Princess and the Pea. The mattresses are suitably swathed

It's party time

Birthday, the charity closest to the Princess of Wales's heart, is holding its children's Christmas party at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, NW1 on Monday, December 19, from 11am to 3pm. Tickets (tel 01-723 9296) cost from £12 to £25 a child, which includes between £2 and £15 worth of spending money for lunch provided by the River Cafe and the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory and attractions including both the obvious - Father Christmas - and the exceptional - sleigh rides with live reindeer. Postman Pat, Tom Kitten and Rosie the Clown will be among the book characters pointing the children towards the face painting, party bouncing and Sandra Lousada portraiture, and the parents towards the Groucho Club champagne bar and the raffle promising a first prize of a holiday for four in Florida's Disney World.

Girls on parade

The next major date for the mini-Flofax: February 20 for the Patrizia Wigan fashion show at the Savoy Hotel. In aid of the Chemical Dependency Centre, whose patron, the Duchess of York, will attend, the show promises London's best-bred and best-looking children parading the Wigan traditional ware (see Daniel above). The proceedings will commence at 10.30am. Tickets (£35 each) from Mrs Trystan Millington-Drake, 4 Roseneath Road, London, SW11.

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particular efforts on behalf of American composers, but more recently it has devoted time to the classical repertoire...

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2-11.

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday...

BOOKING KEY: * Seats available, * Returns only, (D) Access for disabled

THEATRE

LONDON: CANDIDE: Christmas treat: Leonard Bernstein's tune-packed musical...

MRS KLEIN: Transfer from the NT of Nicholas Wright's engrossing play about a young woman who falls for a man...

THE WOMAN IN WHITE: Sue Dunderdale's production of the classic Victorian thriller...

LONG RUNNERS: Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Cusack's Theatre (01-734 1186)...

OUT OF TOWN: MANCHESTER: * Macbeth: David Threlfall and Frances Barber in powerful debut-camp production...

FILMS

Also on national release: Advances booking possible: AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (Prog): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama...

A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline)...

GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops...

Canon Oxford St (01-638 0310), Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10, Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

CONCERTS

MORE MESSIAEN: In the first of her series of recitals devoted to Messiaen's organ works...

RUSSIAN EVENING: Matthias Bamert conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Suite...

ECOLC: The English Chamber Orchestra and London Baroque Consort combine under the baton of Guy Protheroe...

CONTINUOUS REVOLUTION: Klaus Tennstedt conducts the LPO and the English Chamber Orchestra in Schubert's A Survivor from Warsaw...

FURTHER MESSIAEN: Continuing the 'Messiaen at 80' series, Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts the London Sinfonietta...

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

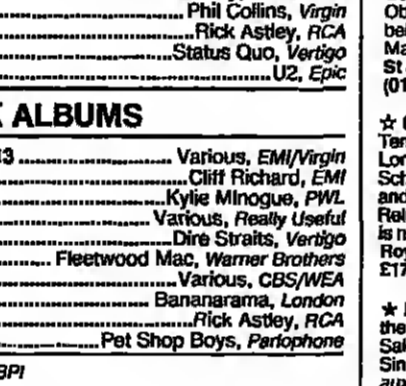
- (1) Mistletoe and Wine - Cliff Richard, EMI
(2) Specially For You - Kylie Minogue/Jason Donovan, PWL
(3) Suddenly - Angry Anderson, Food For Thought

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

- (1) Now That's What I Call Music 13 - Various, EMI/Virgin
(2) Private Collection - Cliff Richard, EMI
(3) The Album - Kylie Minogue, PWL

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Nimzowitch (White) and Alapin (Black) played in Riga 1913...

WORD-WATCHING

HYPERIN (a) A group of subcutaneous pustules occurring as pigments in butterfly wings...

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1744

Grid for Concise Crossword No 1744 with clues for across and down words.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET: COLEMAN'S 836 3161 or 240 8153, 19.30 Mon-Fri, 7.30 Sat, 7.30 Sun...

THEATRES: APOLLO THEATRE, Shaftesbury Ave, 01-937 2823, Mon-Fri, 7.30, Sat 7.30, Sun 3.00...

ART GALLERIES

CHRISTMAS GALLERY: 18th Dec to 1st Jan, 10.30am-5pm, 11.30am-5pm...

THEATRE: THE TOWN

ALBERT 067 1118 or 067 1111, 7.30 Mon-Fri, 7.30 Sat, 7.30 Sun...

WALKS

A GHOST WALK - THE HAUNTED WEST END: meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm...

OPERA

RIGOLETTO: Nure's production for the Royal Opera's Brent Ellis...

GALLERIES

JEFFERY CAMP RA: A retrospective of paintings since 1949...

DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schatoun's production for London Festival Ballet...

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE: ROYAL BALLET: Booking for Feb/March including first performances of Balanchine's Coppelia...

LAST CHANCE

THE SNOW QUEEN: Not strictly a Christmas ballet, but its Hans Andersen story and its settings...

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham



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- BBC1
6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in Texas Tough Guy (b/w).
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Sally Magnusson.

- BBC2
9.00 Ceefax.
9.25 King of the Hill (r).
1.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live with Sue Cook.

- BBC1
10.50 Film: Nightwatch (1973) starring Elizabeth Taylor and Laurence Harvey.
11.55 Weather.

- ITV LONDON
6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme.
7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain.

- CHANNEL 4
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.30 Business Daily.

- VARIATIONS
Survival 2.00-3.00 Country Practice.
6.00-6.30 News 11.30 Prisoner: Call Block 11.25-11.45 Fitch Wildlife.

Going to the dogs?

The "year-in-the-life-of" format is a staple of television documentary and when the subject happens to be dogs, and a special kind of dog at that, it can hardly fail. Greyhound (ITV, 10.35pm) visits the kennels in Bedfordshire where Nick and Natalie Savva have established one of Britain's most successful centres for the breeding and training of greyhounds.

Flashy Sir. It would spoil things to reveal the outcome, save to say that before the final credits roll there should be something for everyone: a bit of humour, a touch of sadness, the elation of victory and the disappointment of defeat and the excitement of seeing these graceful canine athletes touch speeds of nearly 50 mph.

- TELEVISION CHOICE
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- RADIO CHOICE
4.00 News.
4.05 Turning Points: Bel Mooney tries to comedian Michael Bentine about some of the experiences that have changed the course of his life.

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

Thorn's Immos sell-off

Thorn EMI is to resolve the financial problems of its 100 per cent-owned microchip-maker, Immos, by giving off the bulk of its Immos shares to SGC-Thomson Microelectronics...

Flop issues

Two more share issues, by Ratners and Compass, have flopped. The Ratners one-for-four rights issue of 48 million shares at 175p each was taken up for only 35 per cent.

ECC up 30%

English China Clays has increased pre-tax profits by 30 per cent from £122.1 million to £145.4 million in the year to September 30.

Gateway rise

An unexpected 0.5p lift in the interim dividend to 3.5p from Gateway Corporation, prompted a 3.25p increase in the share price to 155p.

STOCK MARKETS

Table with stock market data: New York, Dow Jones, Tokyo, Hang Kong, etc.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Table with price changes: Bridon, A Cohen, etc.

INTEREST RATES

Table with interest rates: Lloyds Bank Base, 3-month interbank, etc.

CURRENCIES

Table with currency rates: London, New York, DM, etc.

GOLD

Table with gold prices: London fixing, AM, etc.

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm \$15.05/bbl (\$14.87) December latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH 0898 141 141

Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: in a busy day for company results a 32 per cent profit increase found English China Clays (02516) up 7p...

Hopes dashed for Clowes refund by Christmas

By Maria Scott Hopes of a payment before Christmas to the majority of investors in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers (BCGM), the UK arm of Mr Peter Clowes' gilt management operation...

London and Gibraltar. In the High Court in the morning Mr Justice Peter Gibson approved payment of 75p in the pound the 1,000 BCGM investors whose money was channelled through Lloyds Bank...

December 23 at the earliest. After the hearing Mr Michael Jordan of Cork Gully, liquidators for BCGM, said he did not expect a new application to go back before the courts until "well into January".

Mr David Pine, of Alexander Tatham, the solicitors acting for 1,600 investors and the Barlow Clowes Investors Group, said after the hearing that he did not expect to see a payout to the bulk of investors before Christmas.

Mr Jordan said he had believed BCI representatives were in a position to finalize this claim but it became apparent yesterday that this was not possible.

Because of this it was still not possible to say what the total repayment to investors in the UK part of Barlow Clowes would be. Many had hoped to get close to 75 per cent of their investment.

French anger at blame for tunnel delay

By John Bell in London, and Susan Macdonald, Paris The £5.25 billion Channel tunnel is running six months behind schedule, according to the French construction firms working on the project.

Enrotunnel's joint chairman, Mr Morton was unavailable for comment. The five companies involved in TML - Bouygues, Dumez, Spie Batignolles, SAE and Groupe SGE - were anxious to point out that they were speaking only for themselves as the contract with Euro-tunnel forbids TML from making public statements about the project.

The conference was designed to emphasize their worldwide construction experience and determination to carry on with the task of building a tunnel under the Channel. But at the same time they admitted that the overall French project delay estimates stood at five to six months.

Blunt message to Rowland over debt burden



Bankers are happy, says Bond

By Our City Editor Mr Alan Bond, the cockney night oil has been burned on a 93-page attempt to demolish Mr Bond's financial credibility, the assertion will be greeted with scepticism. As many who have come under the scrutiny of Mr Rowland will testify, the Lornho boss is a plain speaker himself. His document concludes that Bond Corp. Lornho's largest shareholder with 21 per cent, is "technically insolvent" and depends for its existence on "extraordinary bank support".

He would not confirm that the French members of TML had asked Eurotunnel for a six-month extension on the whole project - due for completion in 1993. "We have informed Eurotunnel of this situation, it is for them to take the decision," he said.

He avoided comment on suggestions from Australia that intelligent people can take serious note of it. In Australia, he observed, there are laws against trading while insolvent. "We are still trading."

Saunders granted legal aid

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman of Guinness, was granted legal aid yesterday to fight the 40 criminal charges he faces. A High Court judge ruled that his resources were "inadequate and unavailable" to meet the expected £400,000 costs of his trial.

Racal in two deals as profits leap

By Colin Campbell Racal Electronics and its recently floated subsidiary Racal Telecom yesterday complemented their interim results with news of a £12 million deal to buy a data communications systems supplier in France, and a contract for advanced military radios with Saudi Arabia.

The military radios agreement would allow Racal to serve the regional markets, and the first stage of the manufacturing process will begin next year in an interim facility in Riyadh, he added.

British courts must decide issue first

Brussels stalls over bid for Plessey

By Michael Dynes and Derek Harris The European Commission will wait for the British courts to decide whether the bid by the General Electric Company and Siemens, the West German electrical engineer, for Plessey, the electronics group, violates the community's competition code before proceeding any further with its own inquiry, Commission officials said yesterday.

Sterling hit by US rate rise fears

By David Smith Economics Correspondent The pound fell yesterday, amid expectations of rising interest rates in the United States and West Germany. Sterling fell 1.2 cents to \$1.8285, and by a penny to DM3.1971. The sterling index fell 0.4 to 77.8.

FAI shares plunge as Adler dies

From Christopher Morris Sydney Mr Larry Adler, the millionaire business tycoon who was founder and chairman of FAI, one of Australia's biggest insurance groups, died of a heart attack in Sydney yesterday, aged 57. Shares in the company fell sharply by 50 cents to Aus\$2.60 (£1.21) as some 2.7 million shares changed hands on the news.

British courts must decide issue first

Brussels stalls over bid for Plessey next week. Obtaining leave to appeal to the House of Lords in this type of case is thought to be unlikely for any party. British courts are empowered to interpret the Treaty of Rome and therefore decide whether the GEC-Siemens bid violates Article 85 which prohibits agreements between companies - either individually or in a consortium - likely to distort free competition.

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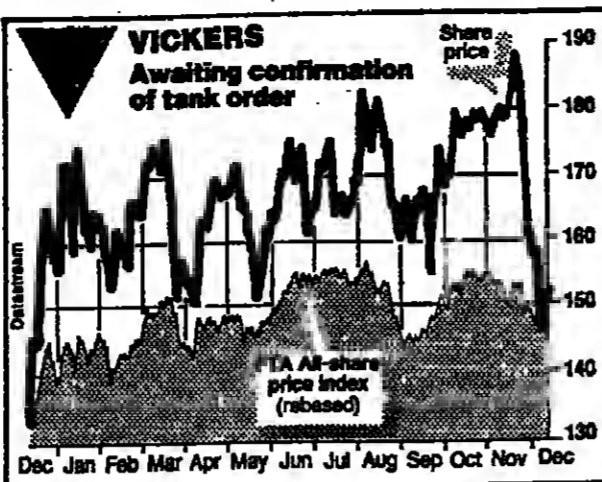
WALL STREET

Dow slips 7 points as retail prices rise

Blue chips came off their lows but news of an improvement in the US current account deficit appeared to have little initial impact on the market, analysts said. Investors focused on an earlier report of a rise in November retail prices to 1.1 per cent.

RTZ falls on talk of BP deal

As the rest of the market staged a modest technical recovery, shares of RTZ, the mining and industrial group, succumbed to renewed selling pressure and dropped 17p to 390p.



VICKERS Awaiting confirmation of tank order

rower FT 30 share index ended 3.3 points up at 1,425.7. Gilts reflected interest rate uncertainties with falls ranging to 7 7/8.

Vickers, the Rolls-Royce car and Challenger tank group, attracted good buying and jumped 10.5p to 154.5p, as word went round the market that the Ministry of Defence was on the verge of awarding the company the £1 billion contract to supply 600 tanks to the Army to replace the ageing Chieftains in the 1990s.

The Government's decision is expected to be announced on Friday and follows months of debate about the merits of Vickers' Challenger tank and

Quadrex's appeals commence

Appeals by Quadrex Holdings, the New York securities company, against two High Court judgements finding it liable for breach of contract and ordering it to pay £75 million interim damages, began in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The judgements were made in a dispute over a contract for the £280 million sale by British and Commonwealth Holdings to Quadrex of MW Marshall, the world's second largest money-broker, and William Street, a US Government securities broker. The sale was never completed.

The appeals are being heard together and are expected to last five days, according to lawyers for B&C.

Shaftesbury's £18.8m buy

Shaftesbury, the property investment and development group, is to buy Celus Properties (1984) for £18.85 million, payable on completion, with a possible further consideration of up to a maximum of £300,000.

About £17.3 million of the sale price is to be satisfied by the issue of 9.64 million ordinary shares - which have been placed with institutional and other investors at 180p per share - with the balance in cash. Celus owns four properties in London's West End valued at £18.1 million.

Wardell rises

Pre-tax profits of Wardell Roberts rose from £2598,000 (£2499,620) to £2701,000 in the six months to end-September, on a turnover up from £18.65 million to £212.9 million. Earnings per share are up from 2.6p to 3.1p, and the interim dividend is raised 0.9p to 1p.

STOCK MARKET

Table of stock market data including company names, share prices, and percentage changes. Includes companies like AMR, ASA, Asens Life, etc.

Corton Beach, the US-listed industrial holding company run by Mr Mike Keen, is a buy at 57p, says Shearson Lehman Hutton, the broker. It sees a strong growth pattern developing in the medium term. A rating of 7.5 times, with two months of the current year to run, is too low.

then disposed of its 28 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil, the independent oil group, for £245 million.

Analysts last night agreed that fund-raising fears had dragged the shares down over the past few days, but they also pointed out that many nervous dealers had forgotten the fact that RTZ is already well-equipped with cash and a

rights issue would not necessarily be needed.

The group's cash balance ranges between £600 million and £800 million. In order to buy BP Minerals, it could also draw upon a host of foreign subsidiary and associated companies throughout the world which are also cash-positive.

Meanwhile, BP moved up 2.5p to 253p as buyers continued to heed analysts' comments that the sale of its minerals division would bring gearing down from 35 per cent to 25 per cent.

Elsewhere, equities took comfort in the early stages of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's remarks that further tax cuts should not be assumed to be forthcoming in the 1989 spring Budget statement, as any further reduc-

tions could add to current inflationary pressures in Britain and, in turn, put more upward pressure on interest rates.

However, a lack of genuine follow-through investment support, and a disappointing set of US retail sales figures which revived higher interest rate worries, prompted an afternoon slide which accelerated when dealers saw an early 10-point fall on Wall Street.

The closing of bear positions helped quotations close with small improvements, but the overall volume of trade was small ahead of today's publication of the US trade figures for October.

The FT SE-100 share index showed a 15.5 point rise at its best before closing 4.7 points higher at 1,752.6. The nar-

rower FT 30 share index ended 3.3 points up at 1,425.7.

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Still reeling from Mr Mitchell Froomstein's departure from its Manpower operations in the US, Mr Tony Berry's Blue Arrow, the world's largest employment agency, closed unchanged at 83.5p, after 85p. Market talk suggests Mr Michael Ashcroft of ADT has picked up 5 million shares.

Bush challenged on US deficit

Ambassador to Britain, said after his inauguration Mr Bush should meet Congress and "put everything on the table" in the search to reduce the deficit.

This would include the possibility of tax increases, so far rejected by Mr Bush.

Mr John Hennessy, chairman and chief executive of the investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston, said there were several myths which needed to be corrected. He said it was not true that an administration led by Mr Bush would be boring and have no convictions. Nor was it true that it was bad that foreigners were buying up America, or that tax increases were needed to bring down the budget deficit, he said.

Mr Hennessy said a dollar devaluation was not necessary to eliminate the US trade deficit. Recent history was full of

examples where countries had turned around their trade deficits without resorting to a continuing depreciation of their currency.

Mr Irwin Stelzer, a US economic consultant and Sunday Times writer, said the financial markets had accepted the Reagan budget deficit because, unlike the deficits under President Carter, what had been bought as a result of the deficit was of greater value.

America's arms build-up in the 1980s had created the situation where the Soviet Union was ready to bargain about arms reductions, he said, creating the possibility of reduced defence spending.

One danger was that Europe would be manoeuvred into providing soft loans for the Soviet Union, allowing it to start building up its arms again, he said.

President-elect is urged to consider new taxes on tobacco, alcohol and imported oil



Bush challenged on US deficit

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Mr Gary Hart, the former Democrat presidential candidate, has called on Mr George Bush, the president-elect, to demonstrate how the US budget deficit could be reduced without raising taxes.

Mr Hart, in London for a Breakfast Forum organized by The Sunday Times, said that among the options the new administration should consider were a tax of \$10 a barrel on imported oil, a 30 to 40 cent tax on petrol and a "sin tax" on products such as tobacco and alcohol.

He also criticized financial markets for their ready acceptance of budget deficits created by Republicans. He said the markets would have been unwilling to accept similar deficits from Democrats.

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ambassador to Britain, said after his inauguration Mr Bush should meet Congress and "put everything on the table" in the search to reduce the deficit.

This would include the possibility of tax increases, so far rejected by Mr Bush.

Mr John Hennessy, chairman and chief executive of the investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston, said there were several myths which needed to be corrected. He said it was not true that an administration led by Mr Bush would be boring and have no convictions. Nor was it true that it was bad that foreigners were buying up America, or that tax increases were needed to bring down the budget deficit, he said.

Mr Hennessy said a dollar devaluation was not necessary to eliminate the US trade deficit. Recent history was full of

examples where countries had turned around their trade deficits without resorting to a continuing depreciation of their currency.

Mr Irwin Stelzer, a US economic consultant and Sunday Times writer, said the financial markets had accepted the Reagan budget deficit because, unlike the deficits under President Carter, what had been bought as a result of the deficit was of greater value.

America's arms build-up in the 1980s had created the situation where the Soviet Union was ready to bargain about arms reductions, he said, creating the possibility of reduced defence spending.

One danger was that Europe would be manoeuvred into providing soft loans for the Soviet Union, allowing it to start building up its arms again, he said.

Gary Hart: outlined options

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Table of Canadian prices for various commodities like Agropac, Alcan, etc.

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Fine Art interim blunted to £2.8m

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

The most recent victim of the postal strike to report lower profits is Fine Art Developments... improved operating profits offset the falls in those of mail order, he said.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

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Table listing recent issues for various companies like Apollo Metals, B&A, etc.

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Psychiatrists' duty of confidence

W v Eggle and Others Before Mr Justice Scott (Judgment December 9)

The duty of confidence imposed on psychiatrists was the same whether they came within a hospital regime or were independent. The duty was less extensive to patients detained under the Mental Health Act than to ordinary members of the public.

even though that conclusion placed W and persons like him in a position where the duty of confidence owed by psychiatrists to them was less extensive than that owed to ordinary members of the public.

Those circumstances were: (i) W was a person who had killed five people; (ii) he had been detained in a secure hospital without limit of time, not as a punishment but for the public safety; (iii) the psychiatrist regarded him as no longer a danger provided that he remained on suitable medication; (iv) a proposal was on foot for his transfer to a regional secure unit, subject to the Home Secretary's discretion; (v) an application had been made to the tribunal which had power to order his discharge absolutely or conditionally; (vi) if satisfied that it was not necessary for the patient's health and safety or for the protection of the public, he should receive medical treatment in the hospital; (vii) if he should receive medical treatment in the hospital, he should be bound in discharge him.

Colman v General Medical Council

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld (Judgment November 25)

The exercise by the General Medical Council of its advisory role under section 35 of the Medical Act 1953 could be impugned in judicial review proceedings, if such exercise were shown to be unreasonable within the principles laid down in Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation (1948) 1 KB 223.

Colman v General Medical Council

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld (Judgment November 25)

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing applications by Dr Richard Douglas Colman for an order that the GMC should be required to publish a list of names of its members who had been struck off the register.

Unpaid VAT can be set off against refund due

In re Potco Realisations Ltd Regina v Commissioners of Customs and Excise, Ex parte Richmond and Another Before Mr Justice Scott (Judgment December 1)

Where an insolvent company was, at the date it went into receivership, indebted to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for unpaid value-added tax, and its receivers subsequently became entitled to be repaid sums by the commissioners (being the excess of input tax over output tax arising after that date), section 21 of the Finance Act 1988 now entitled the commissioners to set off the latter sums against the former.

Unpaid VAT can be set off against refund due

On October 30, 1984 the preferential creditors (including the commissioners, who got £18,295) had been paid a first distribution of 10p in the pound. A similar second distribution (omitting the commissioners) had also been paid.

THE GATEWAY CORPORATION PLC INTERIM RESULTS. Table showing financial results for 28 weeks to 12/11/88 and 26 weeks to 7/11/87. Includes turnover, profit, interest payable, etc.

Power to give leave for unseen amendment

Kyme v Exeter Health Authority

The High Court had jurisdiction, when according to an application under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to strike out a statement of claim as disclosing no reasonable cause of action, to grant the plaintiff leave to serve an amended statement of claim within a specified period without the court having seen the proposed amendment, although the more usual course was to give the plaintiff liberty to apply within such period for leave to

Power to give leave for unseen amendment

serve a specific amended statement of claim. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Mann) so held on December 5, dismissing the defendant's appeal from an order of Judge Wilcock, QC, who, as a judge of the High Court, had struck out the plaintiff's statement of claim and given her leave to serve an amended statement of claim within 28 days, and subsequently adjourned the defendant's application to strike out the amended statement of claim so served pending the hearing of the appeal against his first order.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Volatile trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 12. Dealings end December 23. Contango day December 28. Settlement day January 9. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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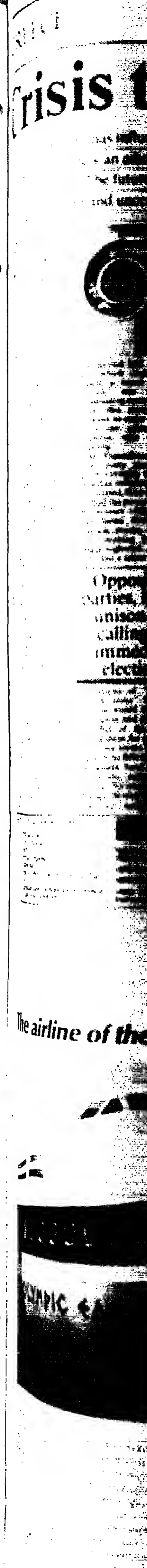
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Crisis that threatens the foundations

Andreas Papandreou has influenced Greek political life for 25 years, but he is now an ailing man besieged by scandals and party infighting. The future of Greece is starting to look increasingly confused and uncertain, writes Mario Modiano

Greece is in the midst of a serious crisis which is affecting the whole spectrum of public life and undermining its institutions. At worst, it could threaten democracy itself.

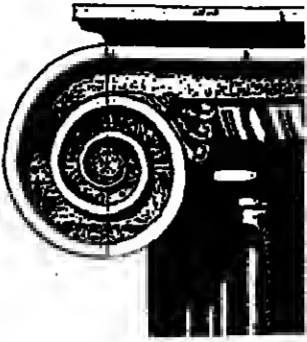
The symptoms have been accumulating for months. They became more visible this autumn when, unexpectedly, Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, who is 69, had to spend two months in London for a serious heart operation. The prime minister's absence exposed the weaknesses of a political system that, for the past seven years, had relied exclusively on one man's charisma.

Uncertainty and confusion inevitably set in. The supreme homecoming failed to dispel them. Mr Papandreou was visibly weak and shaken. His recovery has been slow. His home has been broken up by his conspicuous and politically embarrassing romance. His government is torn by infighting and his party is demoralized.

At the same time the economy is sagging. Corruption is rampant. A major banking scandal, with ramifications allegedly touching the government hierarchy, threatens to bring about its downfall. Tampering with the judicial process has reinforced suspicions of a cover-up. The Opposition parties, in rare unison, are calling for immediate elections, though some are due until next June.

The spate of scandals has paralyzed the government, absorbing all its energies. Strikes abound. The deficit in the 1989 budget is at an unacceptable level. The educational system is disorganized. The quality of health care has declined. Defence seems relevant only in terms of contract kick-backs.

Even the presidency of the European Community, which has been held by Greece for



Determined to remain standing: The Acropolis at Lindos in Rhodes and above right, Andreas Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece

the second half of this year, and which could have provided a boost for sagging morale, was reduced to eliminating contentious issues from this month's Rhodes summit in order not to over-exert the ailing Mr Papandreou, who chaired the meeting.

Mr Papandreou has weathered many storms in the quarter-century that his presence has influenced, and later dominated, the political scene. He had the power to galvanize the masses with an oratory that spoke directly to the political psyche of the little man, making him feel no longer neglected.

He had a talent of cooing

Opposition parties, in rare unison, are calling for immediate elections

up visions of "even better days to come" for a people who, he would say, deserved the dignity and pride that the powerful of the earth had denied them for centuries.

All this seems to be changing. For the first time criticism and doubt have come from within the party, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok). Senior party members are questioning Mr

Papandreou's judgement and behaviour. The bulk of the national press, which had given him unstinted support, is now openly hostile. His closest associates have been called "thieves" at public appearances.

Mr Papandreou himself seems too huffed by the turn of events. He mostly keeps a low profile, absorbed in the privacy of his personal life.

What are his options? Four months ago Pasok was believed to have strong chances of winning a third term. This would have been an unprecedented achievement in post-war Greek politics. People expected Mr Papandreou to pull off some new manoeuvre to win back the leftist vote which gave him resounding victories in 1981 and 1985.

Whether this would be a rupture with the Americans after ordering them to dismantle their bases in Greece, or something more ingenious, no one could guess. All this now sounds far-fetched.

Party optimists say Mr Papandreou will try to ride out the storm, hoping that the crisis will blow over. It would give him time to regain his physical vigour before the June elections. After all, Greece is a country of political lotus-eaters. Otherwise, to bow to Opposition pressure for immediate elections would be sheer suicide unless he had decided to leave politics and look after his health and private life.

One cannot rule out that he might be deposed in a palace revolution by the increasing numbers in Pasok who feel that the party can do without his charisma and without his peccadilloes. The presidency of the republic, which is largely decorative, becomes vacant in 1990.

These scenarios imply a defeatism that is certainly absent from government declarations. Mr Papandreou has tried to silence dissent in his party by denouncing the cam-



Determined to remain standing: The Acropolis at Lindos in Rhodes and above right, Andreas Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece



paign for a house-cleaning as an international conspiracy to topple his government. The idea appears to be to discourage defectors by branding dissenters in advance as traitors.

At present Pasok has an overall majority of only seven in the 300-seat parliament. The opposition would need 151 votes to bring down the government, but if Pasok lost its majority, the pressure for it to resign would be irresistible.

The conspiracy theory alarms many Greeks, who suspect the Socialists might one day invoke foul play and refuse to hand over power if they were defeated or Mr Papandreou went. There have been instances of overnight alerts in which party stalwarts have been told to be ready to man the barricades against alleged subversion.

Although there is no evidence that the army would intervene, the risk of a breakdown of the democratic processes is not negligible.

If Pasok falls, its most likely successor is New Democracy, the main Opposition party. It

spans a broad ideological spectrum from liberal to right-wing. It lost power to Pasok in 1981, but it was the loss of its charismatic founder, Constantine Karamanlis, who resigned in 1980 to become head of state and now lives in retirement, that the party found hardest to overcome.

Its present leader is Constantine Mitsotakis, aged 70, a gifted liberal from Crete. Since he was elected to the leadership of New Democracy, however, he has been spending his energy fighting off the ambitions of senior colleagues who want his job. This antagonism has resulted in in-fighting and defections that have deprived the party of much talent and cohesion.

At one point the malaise encouraged a movement to induce Mr Karamanlis, aged 81, to stage a come-back, reunite the party and restore it to power. However, Mr Papandreou's recent vicissitudes have since made this option look like a sledgehammer. Rivalry within New Democracy has subsided at the prospect of power.

If Pasok disintegrates, many voters will switch in the left, whose credibility is undermined, however, by fragmentation. The largest group is the Moscow-line Communist Party (KKE), which usually polls 10 per cent of the national vote. Its negotiations with the Eurocom-

Whatever the outcome of the present crisis, the Pasok era will leave an indelible mark

munist group, known as the Greek Left, seem to have led to agreement on a minimum programme of cooperation.

Both parties have been losing voters to Pasok which was, after all, the only party that could keep the right-wing out of power.

New Democracy has been trying hard to convince those leftists, the victims of un-

imaginative postwar right-wing policies, that this was the time for national reconciliation, not revanchism. But the party does not want to alienate ultra-conservative voters. Their nationalist outbursts, even if repudiated, undermine New Democracy's credibility.

If Pasok loses all hope of winning the next elections, it will almost certainly give in to the demand of KKE and the other small parties for a change in the electoral law. The present system favours the front-runners. So naturally the smaller parties want proportional representation.

A decision to do this would make it harder for New Democracy to win a outright majority. It would give the Socialists a chance to hang on to power by means of a coalition, whether with the moderate right or the Communists. But Greece has had no experience of such alliances since 1953. There is no reason to believe that teamwork has suddenly become one of the hidden Greek virtues.

Whatever the outcome of

the present crisis, the Pasok era will leave an indelible mark on government policies that even a conservative regime would find hard to disregard. Foreign policy, for instance, will be more assertive. Mr Papandreou has taught the Greeks not to let themselves be taken for granted, and they like it.

Economic policy will certainly be orientated towards free-market practices, in the wake of Socialist improvisations after 1981. Social policies will claim greater attention because the plight of the little man has been highlighted through the populism of the Socialists. The outlook, on the whole, is good, as long as the current storms do not sink the ship.

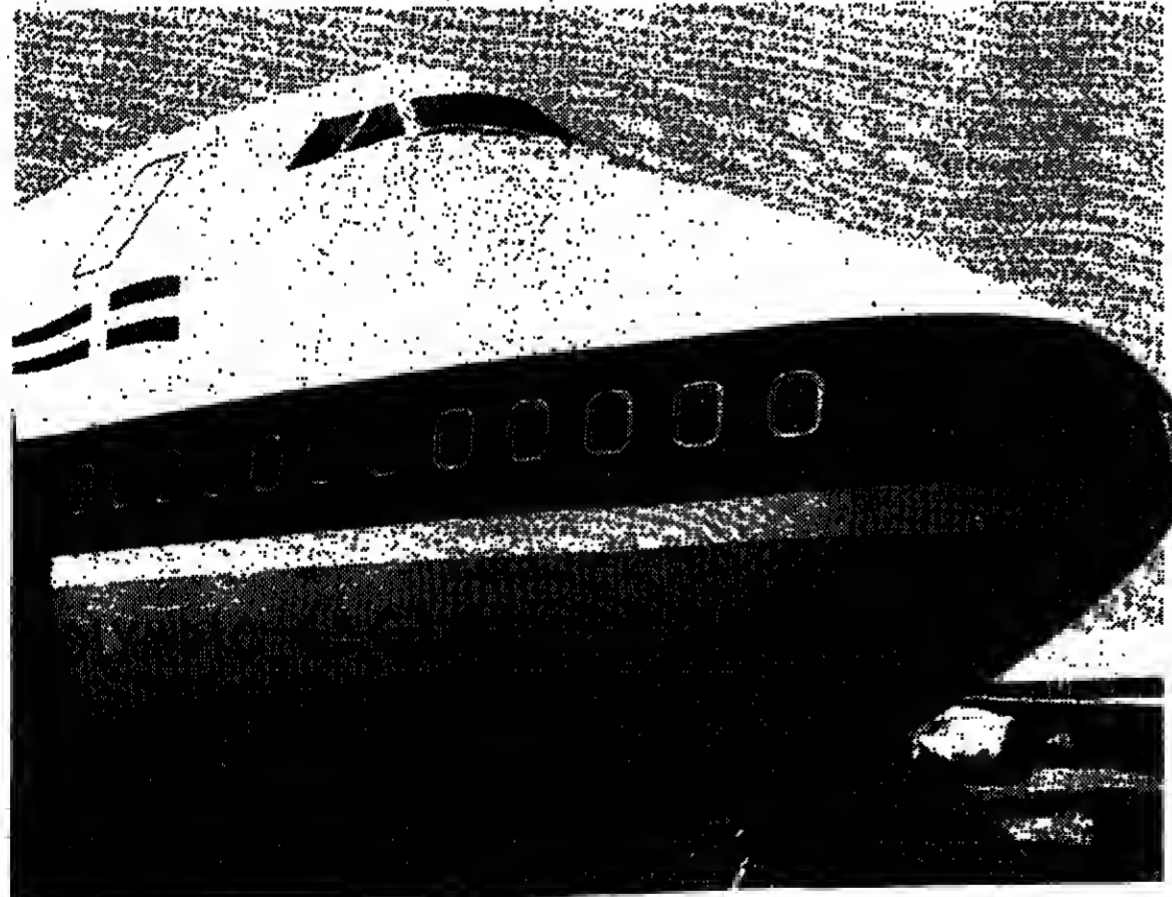
The Greeks have an almost fatalistic belief that somewhere up there, a particular god has been assigned to look after Greece and save it when it comes to grief. The pull of Olympus, perhaps, or memories of the *deus ex machina*. Whichever it is, as things stand today, help from above seems to be badly needed.

EVENTS IN RECENT GREEK HISTORY:
 1941-44: German occupation
 1947: Restoration of monarchy
 1947-49: Civil War
 1949-67: Democratic regime
 1952: Greece joins Nato
 1967-74: Regime of the Colonels; King Constantine in exile
 July 1974: Constantine Karamanlis heads government of national salvation

MODERN GREECE
 November 1974: Karamanlis and his New Democracy party elected
 1975: Greece becomes a republic
 1977: New Democracy re-elected
 1980: Karamanlis elected President; New Democracy remains in power

January 1981: Greece joins European Community
 October 1981: Election of Andreas Papandreou and Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok)
 1982: US bases agreement renewed for five years
 1985: Karamanlis resigns as president; Pasok re-elected
 January 1988: Davos agreement between Papandreou and Turgut Ozal, Turkish Prime Minister

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An easing of the Aegean tensions

Greece's term in the rotating presidency of the European Community, which ends later this month, may go down on record as "blissfully uneventful". But it is certainly a far cry from its first term in 1983 when the Socialist Government, then still young in power, behaved with the conformism of a hull in the proverbial china shop, writes *Mario Modiano*.

The sharp contrast of behaviour between the two tenures illustrates the drastic adjustments of Greek foreign policy under the Socialist Party of Andreas Papandreu — from strident, Third World orientated eccentricity to a pragmatic respect for military and economic constraints.

The key constraint, of course, is the costly Greek concern about Turkish expansionism in the Aegean and Cyprus. It is a perception that Turkey has done little to dispel and one that inevitably augments Greek dependence on the West for weapons and the cash to buy them with.

The sudden Greek-Turkish rapprochement in Davos earlier this year between Mr Papandreu and his Turkish opposite number, Turgut Ozal, was an ingenious initiative to break the vicious circle. A co-war deal would enable Socialist Greece to divert funds from defence to much-needed social projects; it would earn Turkey the Greek goodwill it will eventually need in order to join the European Community.

Now, ten months later, it is clear that Mr Papandreu had underestimated the strength of the aversive antipathy of the average Greek towards Turkey. At the same time, Mr Ozal was unable to restrain Turkey's military from irritating the Greeks by challenging their sovereignty and jurisdiction in the sensitive Aegean area with frequent air violations.

The so-called Spirit of Davos, in fact, remains very much the exclusive brainchild of the two Prime Ministers,



The spirit of Davos: Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu greets Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal at Athens airport this summer during a three day visit

and a small coterie of far-seeing intellectuals and businessmen on both sides.

On the other hand, the improved climate has eased the efforts of the enterprising new President of Cyprus, George Vassiliou, to set in motion procedures, with United Nations help, that could open the way to a solution of the problem of the island's future.

Problems with Turkey permeate Greek strategy on all aspects of its foreign affairs, from cooperation within the Nato alliance to relations with the US and membership of the European Community.

Greece's full membership of the Community is not just a boon that keeps the economy afloat and its farmers happy. It gives Greece the power to block Turkey's entry to this exclusive club. It has become a trump card that the Greek leaders want to trade against security in the Aegean, a peace without territorial or jurisdictional concessions.

Significantly, the main condition presented by the Greek Government to the Americans for a new agreement on their military bases in Greece (the current pact expires this month), is that it should "serve Greece's paramount national interests" — a phrase known to refer to some form

of US safeguard for Greek territorial integrity in the Aegean.

The paradox is that these terms are being dictated by a Socialist Government that had vowed to expel all foreign bases from Greek soil. If the condition is accepted, the United States could surely be tempted to keep Greek objections about Turkey alive, if only to perpetuate its military presence in the country.

If Mr Papandreu has not pulled out of the Nato alliance, as indeed he had promised his voters to do, this is because he realized that in Greece's absence, the strategic vacuum in allied contingency plans for the Aegean would be promptly filled by Turkey. This would increase Turkey's political importance to the West and minimize Greece's ability to influence the course of events in the region.

The Socialist Government's eagerness to assert at all times the country's independence has an important domestic dimension. It flatters the historical sensitivities of the Greeks and, above all, it is music to the ears of Mr Papandreu's leftwing supporters. Without their votes he could never win the next elections.

This makes it quite unlikely that the US bases agreement

can be signed before the Greeks go to the polls, which has to be by June, 1989.

The need to convince the public at home that under the Socialists Greece has acquired a voice in world affairs would explain the Greek Government's idiosyncratic openings to the Eastern bloc, such as the concept of a nuclear-free zone in the Balkans, the so-called Peace Initiative of the Six, the indiscriminate support of Soviet peace proposals and, above all, its intimate relationship with radical Arabs to the extent of refusing to draw the line between terrorism and national liberation movements.

A spate of terrorist attacks in Greece in recent years has induced greater cooperation with the West in counter-terrorism, but the suspicion among Greece's western partners lingers on.

It was recently manifested in ways that could have hurt Greek sensitivities deeply, had their government not hushed up these open snubs: first, Greece failed to secure one of the vacant seats on the UN Security Council; then the Western European Union, the European defence pact, brushed aside Greece's application for membership, but admitted Spain and Portugal, which had asked to join long after Greece had signified its interest in joining.

Before developing health problems, Mr Papandreu had made ambitious plans to visit foreign capitals, including Moscow, to make Greece's presidency of the Community felt in such fields as East-West relations and the thorny issue of US-European trade. His heart operation in London left him physically weak, while his personal problems, and his preoccupation with domestic scandals, deprived him of the vigour and prestige he needed for such missions.

As it is, the fact that he managed to chair the European Summit in Rhodes without mishap was quite an achievement.



Site of the ancient Olympics and sacred flame: the Temples of Hera and of Zeus built in 468 BC, and excavated in 1875

Olympia vies for the golden games

Standing amid the cypress trees in the lush hills overlooking the ancient site of Olympia, as the sacred flame is kindled by the rays of the sun, it is a hardened soul who could deny Greece its moral right to stage the 1996 Olympics — the Golden Games.

But romance is not enough in today's harshly competitive and — dare it be said? — commercial atmosphere. George Papandreu, the Education Minister, whose task is to press the government's case for bringing the modern games back to where they were first held in 1896, admits: "The Olympics cannot be run on symbolism alone".

The Greek Olympic Committee has estimated that it will cost \$2.5 billion for the massive infrastructure needed to host the spectacle: two Olympic villages, a new airport, and an extension of the Athens underground system are just some of the projects. But with Greece well into a tough economic austerity programme, doubts are being aired about its ability to carry off the prize.

In the backbiting frenzy of the pre-Games contest, competitors are quick to point out what they see as the major drawbacks to holding them in Athens. The capital's less-than-bracing environment comes in for particular criticism.

The city suffers the dubious distinction of being one of the most polluted in the world.

During the summer — the time of the Olympics — a soupy brown blanket of smog, known locally as "nefos", hangs over it daily, sometimes in temperatures of 100° plus.

It is hardly the sort of oxygen-charged atmosphere to encourage Olympian effort, the critics say. But, the city fathers retort, that didn't stop records tumbling in Los Angeles in 1984, or Mexico City in 1968.

The ever-present Olympic fear of a terrorist attack prompts accusations that Greek security might not be up to the task. The Greek authorities, working hard to update their anti-terrorist precautions, ask whether Barcelona, the choice for the 1992 Games, will be any safer from the threat of Basque separatists.

The dynamic conservative mayor of Athens, Miltiades Eret, promises: "The dark clouds of violence and political conflict have no place under the blue skies of Attica".

With Athens still the early favourite, trackside opinion is that the final run-off for the centenary Games could develop into another civil war, between Athens and the Australian candidate, Melbourne — which claims to be, by virtue of its huge immigrant population, the world's largest Greek city outside Greece itself.

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Crisis that threatens the foundations

Andreas Papandreou has influenced Greek political life for 25 years, but he is now an ailing man besieged by scandals and party infighting. The future of Greece is starting to look increasingly confused and uncertain, writes Mario Modiano

Greece is in the midst of a serious crisis which is affecting the whole spectrum of public life and undermining its institutions. At worst, it could threaten democracy itself.

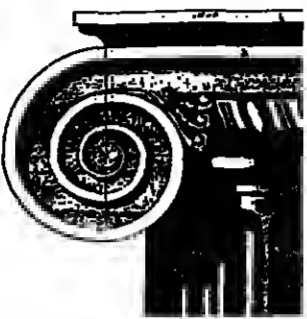
The symptoms have been accumulating for months. They became more visible this autumn when, unexpectedly, Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, who is 69, had to spend two months in London for a serious heart operation. The prime minister's absence exposed the weaknesses of a political system that, for the past seven years, had relied exclusively on one man's charisma.

Uncertainty and confusion inevitably set in. The supreme's homecoming failed to dispel them. Mr Papandreou was visibly weak and shaken. His recovery has been slow. His home has been broken up by his conspicuous and politically embarrassing romance. His government is torn by infighting and his party is demoralized.

At the same time the economy is sagging. Corruption is rampant. A major banking scandal, with ramifications allegedly touching the government hierarchy, threatens to bring about its downfall. Tampering with the judicial process has reinforced suspicions of a cover-up. The Opposition parties, in rare unison, are calling for immediate elections, though none are due until next June.

The spate of scandals has paralyzed the government, absorbing all its energies. Strikes abound. The deficit in the 1989 budget is at an unacceptable level. The educational system is disorganized. The quality of health care has declined. Defence seems relevant only in terms of contract kick-backs.

Even the presidency of the European Community, which has been held by Greece for



the second half of this year, and which could have provided a boost for sagging morale, was reduced to eliminating contentious issues from this month's Rhodes summit in order not to over-exert the ailing Mr Papandreou, who chaired the meeting.

Mr Papandreou has weathered many storms in the quarter-century that his presence has influenced, and later dominated, the political scene. He had the power to galvanize the masses with an oratory that spoke directly to the political psyche of the little man, making him feel no longer neglected.

He had a talent of cooing

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up visions of "even better days to come" for a people who, he would say, deserved the dignity and pride that the powerful of the earth had denied them for centuries.

All this seems to be changing. For the first time criticism and doubt have come from within the party, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Paspok). Senior party members are questioning Mr

Papandreou's judgement and behaviour. The bulk of the national press, which had given him unstinted support, is now openly hostile. His closest associates have been called "thieves!" at public appearances.

Mr Papandreou himself seems too baffled by the turn of events. He mostly keeps a low profile, absorbed in the privacy of his personal life.

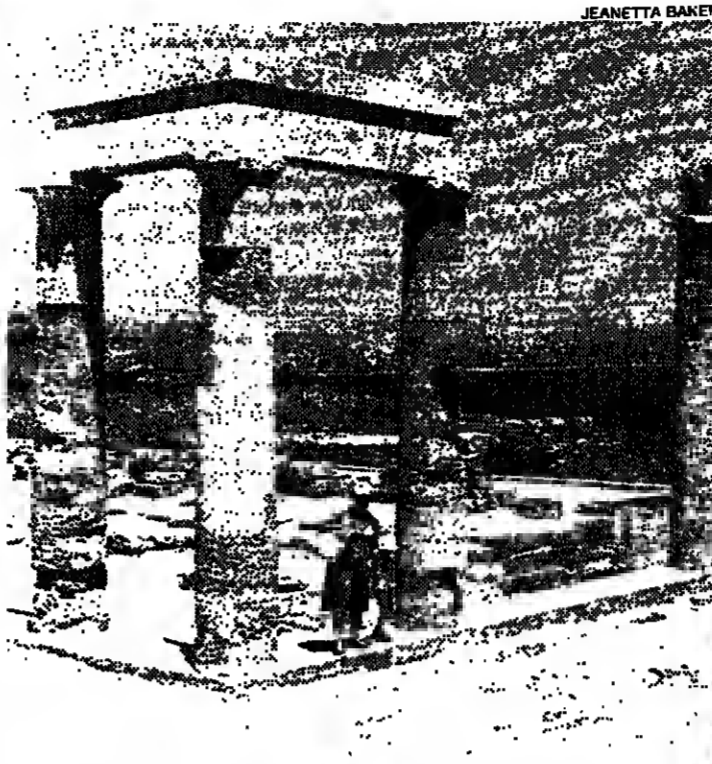
What are his options? Four months ago Paspok was believed to have strong chances of winning a third term. This would have been an unprecedented achievement in post-war Greek politics. People expected Mr Papandreou to pull off some new manoeuvre to win back the leftist vote which gave him resounding victories in 1981 and 1985.

Whether this would be a rupture with the Americans after ordering them to dismantle their bases in Greece, or something more ingenious, no one could guess. All this now sounds far-fetched.

Party optimists say Mr Papandreou will try to ride out the storm, hoping that the crisis will blow over. It would give him time to regain his physical vigour before the June elections. After all, Greece is a country of political lotus-eaters. Otherwise, to bow to Opposition pressure for immediate elections would be sheer suicide unless he had decided to leave politics and look after his health and private life.

One cannot rule out that he might be deposed in a palace revolution by the increasing numbers in Paspok who feel that the party can do without his charisma and without his peccadilloes. The presidency of the republic, which is largely decorative, becomes vacant in 1990.

These scenarios imply a defeatism that is certainly absent from government declarations. Mr Papandreou has tried to silence dissent in his party by denouncing the cam-



Determined to remain standing: The Acropolis at Lindos in Rhodes and above right, Andreas Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece



paign for a house-cleaning as an international conspiracy to topple his government. The idea appears to be to discourage defections by branding dissidents in advance as traitors.

At present Paspok has an overall majority of only seven in the 300-seat parliament. The opposition would need 151 votes to bring down the government, but, if Paspok lost its majority, the pressure for it to resign would be irresistible.

The conspiracy theory alarms many Greeks, who suspect the Socialists might one day invoke foul play and refuse to hand over power if they were defeated or Mr Papandreou went. There have been instances of overnight alerts in which party stalwarts have been told to be ready to man the barricades against alleged subversion.

Although there is no evidence that the army would intervene, the risk of a breakdown of the democratic processes is not negligible.

If Paspok falls, its most likely successor is New Democracy, the main Opposition party. It

spans a broad ideological spectrum from liberal to right-wing. It lost power to Paspok in 1981, but it was the loss of its charismatic leader, Constantine Karamanlis, who resigned in 1980 to become head of state and now lives in retirement, that the party found hardest to overcome.

Its present leader is Constantine Mitsotakis, aged 70, a gifted liberal from Crete. Since he was elected to the leadership of New Democracy, however, he has been spending his energy fighting off the ambitions of senior colleagues who want his job. This antagonism has resulted in insubordinations and defections that have deprived the party of much talent and cohesion.

At one point the malaise encouraged a movement to induce Mr Karamanlis, aged 81, to stage a come-back, reunite the party and restore it to power. However, Mr Papandreou's recent vicissitudes have since made this option look like a sledgehammer. Rivalry within New Democracy has subsided at the prospect of power.

If Paspok disintegrates, many voters will switch to the left, whose credibility is undermined, however, by fragmentation. The largest group is the Moscow-line Communist Party (KKE), which usually polls 10 per cent of the national vote. Its negotiations with the Eurocom-

Whatever the outcome of the present crisis, the Paspok era will leave an indelible mark

munist group, known as the Greek Left, seem to have led to agreement on a minimum programme of cooperation.

Both parties have been losing voters to Paspok which, after all, the only party that could keep the right-wing out of power.

New Democracy has been trying hard to convince those leftists, the victims of un-

imaginative postwar right-wing policies, that this was the time for national reconciliation, not revenge. But the party does not want to alienate ultra-conservative voters. Their nationalist outbursts, even if repudiated, undermine New Democracy's credibility.

If Paspok loses all hope of winning the next elections, it will almost certainly give in to the demand of KKE and the other small parties for a change in the electoral law. The present system favours the front-runners. So naturally the smaller parties want proportional representation.

A decision to do this would make it harder for New Democracy to win an outright majority. It would give the Socialists a chance to hang on to power, by means of a coalition, whether with the moderate right or the Communists. But Greece has had no experience of such alliances since 1953. There is no reason to believe that teamwork has suddenly become one of the hidden Greek virtues.

Whatever the outcome of

the present crisis, the Paspok era will leave an indelible mark on government policies that even a conservative regime would find hard to disregard. Foreign policy, for instance, will be more assertive. Mr Papandreou has taught the Greeks not to let themselves be taken for granted, and they like it.

Economic policy will certainly be orientated towards free-market practices, in the wake of Socialist improvisations after 1981. Social policies will claim greater attention because the plight of the little man has been highlighted through the populism of the Socialists. The outlook, on the whole, is good, as long as the current storms do not sink the ship.

The Greeks have an almost fatalistic belief that somewhere up there, a particular god has been assigned to look after Greece and save it when it comes to grief. The pull of Olympus, perhaps, or memories of the *deus ex machina*. Whichever it is, as things stand today, help from above seems to be badly needed.

EVENTS IN RECENT GREEK HISTORY:

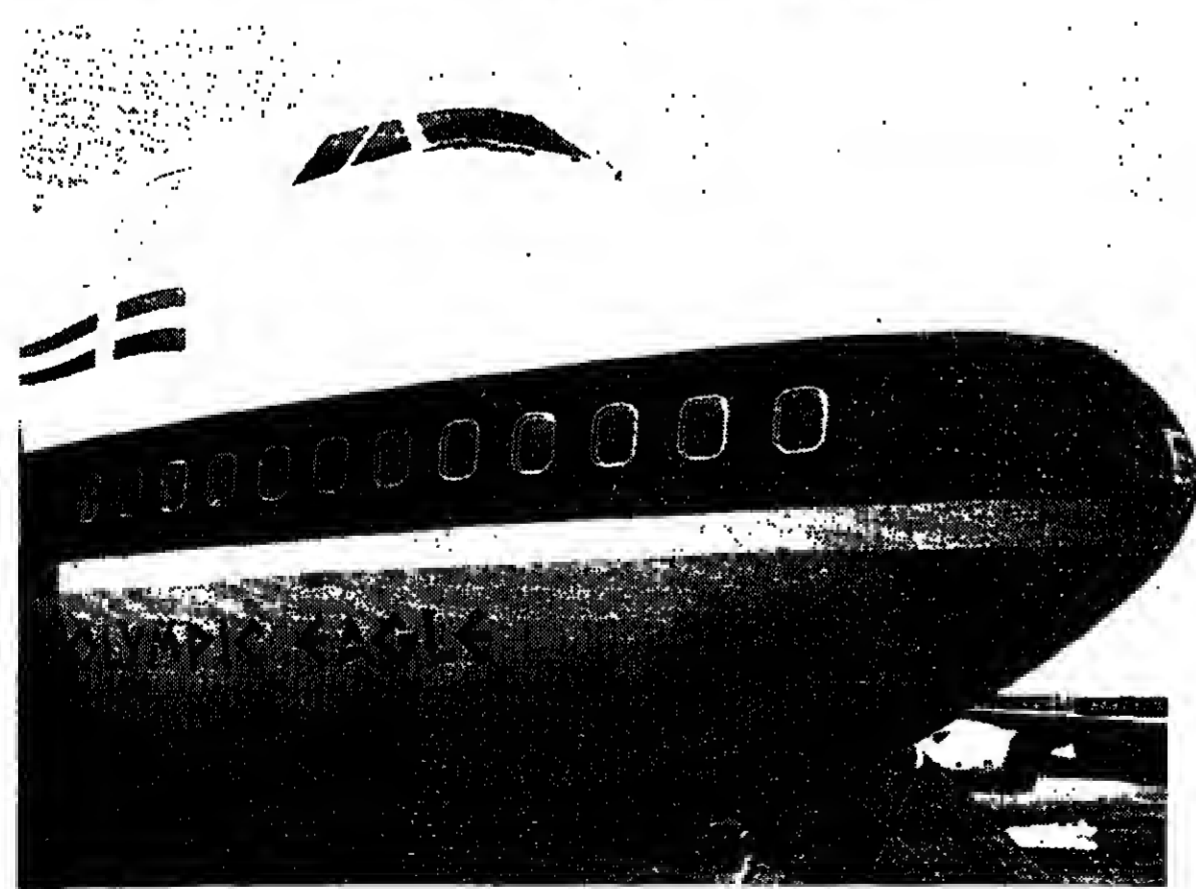
- 1941-44: German occupation
- 1947: Restoration of monarchy
- 1947-49: Civil War
- 1949-67: Democratic regime
- 1952: Greece joins Nato
- 1967-74: Regime of the Colonels; King Constantine in exile
- July 1974: Constantine Karamanlis heads government of national salvation

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- November 1974: Karamanlis and his New Democracy party elected
- 1975: Greece becomes a republic
- 1977: New Democracy re-elected
- 1980: Karamanlis elected President; New Democracy remains in power

- January 1981: Greece joins European Community
- October 1981: Election of Andreas Papandreou and Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (Paspok)
- 1983: US bases agreement renewed for five years
- 1985: Karamanlis resigns as president; Paspok re-elected
- January 1988: Davos agreement between Papandreou and Turgut Ozal, Turkish Prime Minister

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TV's teaching role in danger

For the first time in broadcasting history, the Government proposes to drop the universal obligation on broadcasters to inform and educate, as well as to entertain.

OPINION Lady Plowden

time CEO, or an equivalent arrangement. Some have expanded into community units, the largest of which is LWT's London

community unit, which works with adult and further education tutors and trainees in business, libraries, publishing, and voluntary organizations.

Thames's networked series this year about alcoholism, Breaking the Habit, involved several major national alcohol agencies and was supported by a telephone information line and a free viewers' leaflet.

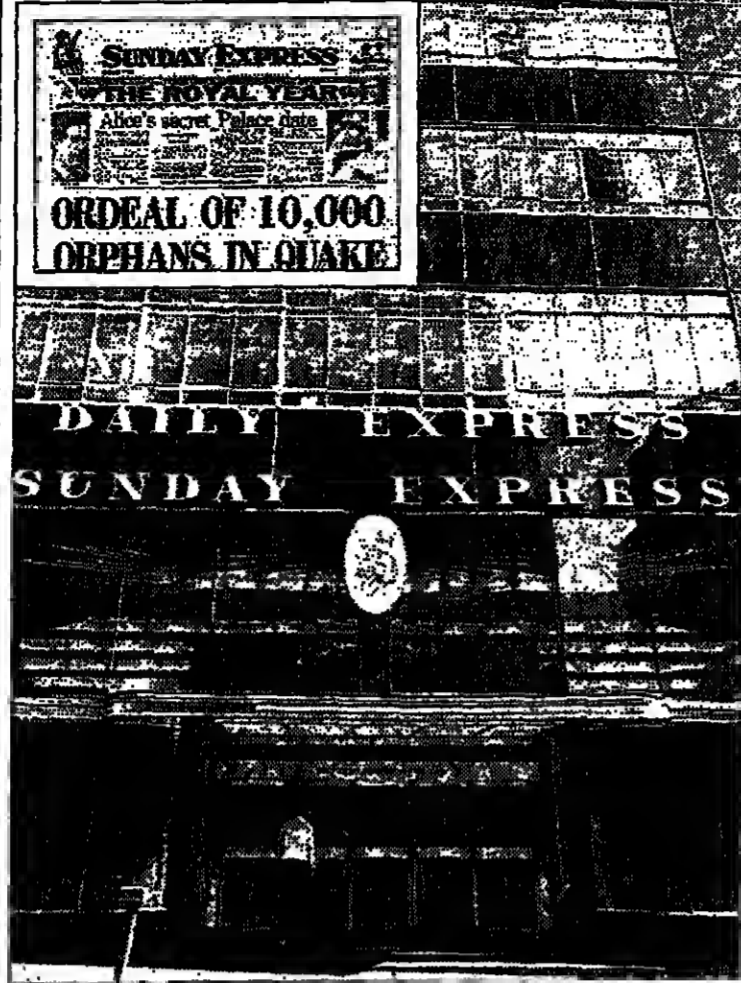
TV-am now has a community liaison officer, appointed at the instigation of the IBA. Its Success 23 campaign, aimed to coincide with the GCSE results, made available 600 experts to give advice on education and training for young people.

It is true that educational broadcasting will continue to be the responsibility of a weakened BBC and a Channel 4 cut loose from its links with ITV. They will be competing with a great range of new channels, which have no remit to educate (except that Channel 3 is apparently to be required to continue the work of the ITV Schools Service). All this from a Government that wants to develop the contribution of the "active citizen" in volunteering, community care, self-reliance and responsible and moral behaviour. It is extraordinary that independent broadcasting's work in educational follow-up is thus to be cast aside, after a decade of immense progress.

Ten years ago, ITV's adult education output was primarily leisure-oriented. Such series as Positive Soccer with Jackie Charlton attracted small audiences. The IBA's Educational Advisory Council and education staff pressed to get more lasting educational effects. The results have been remarkable.

The IBA extended the reach of broadcasting by offering the audience the chance to follow up its viewing. It established community education officers to provide printed material or other opportunities for viewers to pursue their interest. All ITV companies now have a full-

Not for groopers in the mud



On December 29, 1918, the beautiful Lady Diana Manners, one of Lord Beaverbrook's most treasured friends, started the presses in a blaze of publicity for Fleet Street's new paper - the Sunday Express.

Seventy years on, Robin Esser, editor of the paper for the past two years, says it will have a modest yet tasteful celebration on the fifth floor of the Express building, known as the "Black Lubyanka", to celebrate the anniversary. "We'll have some appropriate port, Cockburn's 18," he says, "and a mainly internal celebration to say farewell to Fleet Street after so long."

Lo about six months the paper will move south of the river near Blackfriars Bridge. Esser is convinced that the paper's loyal readership will keep it going well into the 21st century.

Sunday Express readers used to be called "Twinkles" - because they were the kind of solid citizens who always arrives two hours early for a train departure or flight. Now, Esser says, they are "middle-aged, sober, grey-haired Thatcherites - the heart of middle England".

But there are fewer of them than there used to be. In 1976 the paper's circulation was over three million. It has lost 30 per cent in a decade. Getting to three million was a painful and expensive achievement. When Beaverbrook launched his innovative paper - the first to carry a crossword and a horoscope - his

After 70 years, the Beaverbrook formula may need a shake-up, writes David Leitch

advisers said there would be a £20,000 loss in the first year. In fact, he had to put in nearly £2 million from his Canadian fortune before the Express turned the corner into profitability.

Five editors came and went. Beaverbrook felt obliged in the end to edit the paper himself and took up residence on the top floor of the "Black Lubyanka". He wrote the paper's credo in his loimtable son-of-the-manse Canadian prose: "What we want is a newspaper which fulfils neither the desires of the extreme highbrow, nor of the groper in the mud of life, but of the ordinary men and women of culture in any walk of life who require sound news and good views put before them in an attractive manner."

John Gordon, its editor from 1927 to 1952, stuck closely to Beaverbrook's blueprint. "There will never be anything in the paper which parents will find undesirable to have lying around the house," he wrote. "Nothing cheap, vulgar or nasty." The formula, though appar-

ently unexciting, worked superbly for 60 years.

Today, however, all is not well. The Mail on Sunday is getting alarmingly close to what was once "the first quality Sunday newspaper". According to the newspaper analyst Harold Lind, the paper has deep problems. "There are precious few signs of the trends against it changing," he says, "and there must be a crisis of confidence, if not of profitability." However, he believes it is still an attractive medium for advertisers wishing to reach the over-fifties with money in the bank.

Newspaper guru Clive Irving, himself a former Express man, says the paper is still a reflection of its famous columnist, Sir John Junor. "His ideal page one picture was always an under-dressed startlet arriving at Heathrow," he said. "We were supposed to hold her in contempt and just after her at the same time. The Sunday Express was always a paper peering nervously down the bosom of the next generation."

Esser does not see it quite the same way. "In the last two years I have made many woobtrusive changes," he says. "We are keeping discreetly in step with Thatcher's England."

Ronald de Pary, media director of J. Walter Thompson, takes a middle view. "Here is a great newspaper, part of the fabric of British life, now badly in need of a radical overhaul," he says.

Those who thought the spectre of Edwin Currie looming over their breakfast-time scrambled eggs was frightening enough had better steel themselves: soon the junior health minister's presence will also be making itself felt during the commercial breaks on television.

On the day after Boxing Day, the Health Education Authority is launching a £1.4 million advertising campaign exhorting people to exercise more and to watch what they eat, drink and smoke. It is part of its "look after your heart" initiative to fight heart disease, which kills more than 160,000 Britons each year.

"We are going to let people get their bellies full and feel really bloated and then off we'll go," says Michael Hockney, the managing director of the HEA's agency, Butterfield Day Devito Hockney.

Pulling at the heart-strings

Lisa O'Kelly reports on advertising's role in the battle for a healthier nation

government-funded but independently run HEA, the authority has been getting wise to the ways of advertising, thanks to its new advertising director John Flaherty, who joined earlier this year from ad agency Downtown's. It was Flaherty who orchestrated a risky agency switch on the Aids account last August, after the

he has asked the health department for £2 million for a campaign against teenage smoking. "Our total budget is £20 million," he says, "of which £7 million goes on advertising. I'd like to see that increased."

However, although Flaherty speaks highly of the part Mrs Currie has played in raising the nation's health consciousness, and of the support she has given the HEA's initiative, he and Butterfield Day are not planning to adopt her abrasive style. "The tone of the 'look after your heart' advertising is gentle and persuasive," Flaherty says. "You are trying to get people to change things which they do habitually and which they enjoy, so the advice has to be expressed in a sympathetic and understanding way."



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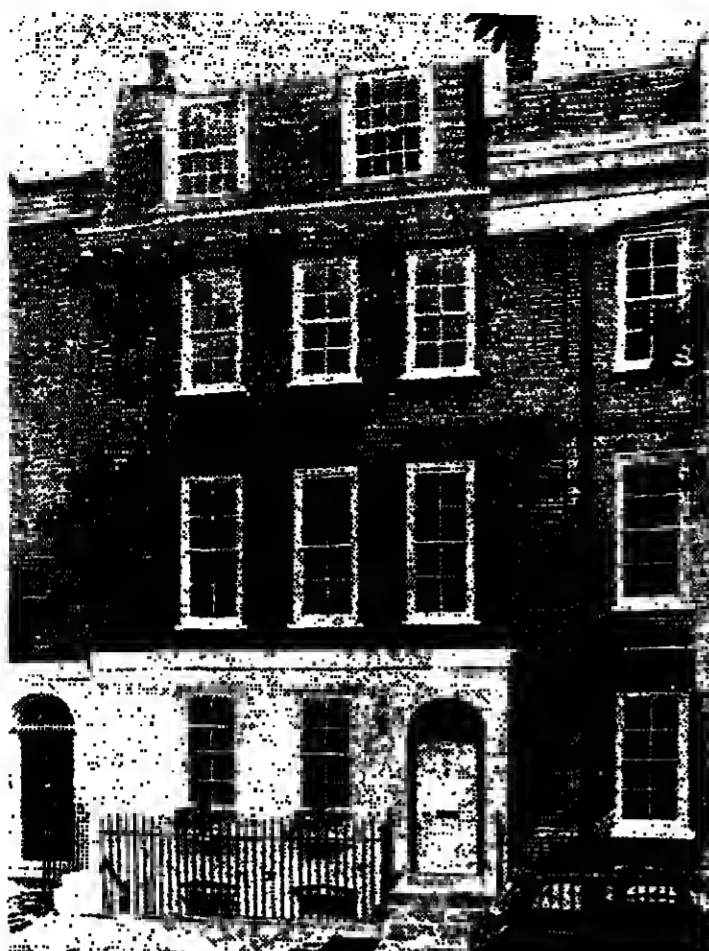
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Support for the claim comes from the recent sale of one of these large, double-fronted Victorian houses in Holland Park to an Arab prince for £3.1 million. It is totally refurbished but retains its original features. It has six bedrooms, a staff flat, a 55ft reception room, and a swimming pool in the basement.

Most of the big houses in Holland Park were built by the Radford brothers in the mid-19th century after William Radford, a builder, bought the lease of land on the Holland Park estate. Some remain as entire houses but these properties lend themselves to conversion into flats, which is what is happening to number 45 Holland Park, Grade II listed, and built in 1865 by the Radford family. The

house has been completely restored to create six apartments, keeping period embellishments including the balustrades and stucco facades.

The scheme is by Radmark Properties, which has been responsible for many Victorian conversions in the past 10 years, and the apartments - of one, two and three bedrooms - range from £225,000 to £600,000 through Marsh & Parsons in Norland Square.

Another of the Radford houses is for sale through Bargetts. It is on the old Holland Park estate, and the agents say the land on which it is built was allegedly sold by the Ilchester family to pay off gambling debts. Recently the house provided the location for the film *Plenty*, starring Sir John Gielgud, and a forthcoming television programme, *Inspector Morse*, was also filmed here.

The house is now home to 12 people, fitting easily into the seven bedrooms and three reception rooms. It has 17 bedrooms and three reception rooms, and - in the agents' words - is awaiting refurbishment to join those that have already been restored to provide fine

private homes, embassy residences or apartments. Bargetts is seeking offers of more than £2.25 million.

Marsh & Parsons is also marketing an unusual development of new houses, set behind the shops fronting the Avenue close to Holland Park Underground station. The scheme, by Bellhouse Joseph, is of 12 town houses, in two terraces of six, facing each other across a landscaped courtyard. One of the terraces has four-bedroom houses on three floors with two reception rooms, the other two-storey houses with three bedrooms and one large reception room. They are reached through a marbled, colonnaded entrance and a glass pavilion, or belvedere, one floor up, opening on to the courtyard.

The larger houses have a paved terrace overlooking Holland Park Avenue. The smaller ones have balconies. All have a secure garage space. They are £295,000 and £375,000, with estimated service and maintenance charges of £675 and £790.

Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent



Converted: Number 45 Holland Park is now flats

Number 26 Cheyne Row, Chelsea, forms part of the lovely terrace built around 1708 on the site of the Old Bowling Green to the Manor of Cheyne. It is next to the house occupied by the historian Thomas Carlyle, which is now owned by the National Trust, and was previously occupied by the writer Peter Quennell, whose friend Sir John Betjeman paid regular visits. The Grade II* listed Queen Anne house has fine panelling and cornicing, and the original staircase, and has been restored and refurbished by Tim Whitmore and Kath Kidston. The house has two reception rooms, a study, a master bedroom suite, five further bedrooms, and a 100ft rear garden, giving it the feel of a country house in the heart of Old Chelsea. Knight Frank & Rutley and Russell Simpson are asking £1.8 million

Warren Hastings Manor, at Churchill, Oxfordshire, is well named. Its origins are in a medieval hall house recorded in 1671, but in the early 18th century it was tenanted by the Rev Peniston Hastings, vicar of Daylesford. Here his grandson, Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of India, was born on December 6, 1732.

The house is now within an attractive Cotswold village and easily accessible to the improving road and rail network. It has two reception rooms, three main and three further bedrooms,

and a staff or guest cottage. There is about an acre of grounds, including outbuildings. Warren Hastings Manor has not been on the market for well over a decade, and Bernard Thorpe's *Stow-on-the-Wold* office wants around £350,000.

A cottage is for sale in what is said to be Britain's smallest street. Such a claim will be disputed, but The Street, Chew Stoke, near Bristol, is about 100ft long and narrows to about 7ft wide. The terrace cottage, in local stone, 300 years old and recently restored, has two

reception rooms and two bedrooms. The price, through Baresford Dorman Reeves, is £120,000.

Top properties still sell, even in a slow market. The proposed sale of three London penthouses could show whether this is true. In Hyde Park Gate, Kensington, Savills, with John D. Wood, is selling the penthouse of a Victorian mansion block. It has a 40ft drawing room with a five-sided bay window, five bedroom suites, and a 2,000 sq ft roof garden with views of nearby chimneys and Kensington

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Flashy beat brings a flashing finish to West Indies victory

From John Woodcock Sydney

There will be no closer finish in the World Series Cup than yesterday's match between Australia and West Indies...

Scoreboard and table

Table with columns for West Indies, Australia, and Standings. Includes player names and scores.

three to fall when he had Greenidge caught on the long-on boundary, bowled Richardson behind his legs...

Australia's reply had all kinds of phases. West Indies' fielding was as keen as Australia's...

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Students given a lesson by Yousuf

Adelaide (Reuter) - The wicketkeeper, Salim Yousuf, confirmed that his development as a batsman has added depth to Pakistan's middle order...

Table with columns for Pakistan, West Indies, and Standings. Includes player names and scores.

Chamberlain's injury is a worry

From Carol Salmon, Melbourne

England, with one foot already in the final of the Shell Bicentennial Women's World Cup, crushed Ireland by 10 wickets here yesterday...

Table with columns for England, Ireland, and Standings. Includes player names and scores.



How the mighty have fallen: Richardson has a wild one-handed thrash before another yahoo brought his stumping downfall for 12 by Healy off Taylor

RUGBY UNION: DIVISIONAL CHANGES CONFLICT WITH THE OPINIONS OF NATIONAL SELECTORS

South West favour elusive Buzza over erratic Webb

By Peter Bills

England's national selectors yesterday gave some fairly indigestible divisional team choices as a horse-d'oeuvre to their deliberations for the five nations' championship...



Webb: inconsistent games land team with its taste for a bold, mobile game plan.

English rugby is to get an unexpected second chance of witnessing the skills of David Campese, the Australian wing, this season (Peter Bills writes)...

Campese to play for Barbarians

By Peter Bills

Britain. It is something I am keenly anticipating. England may have a better picture of the likely health of their potential right wings for this season within the next few days...

Brothers in opposition

By Peter Bills

Brotherly love will be in short supply when Edinburgh return to the Anglo-Scots at Myreside in the Scottish inter-district championship on Saturday...

Rutherford rues trip which ended partnership

By Peter Bills

David Head, continuing our review of Christmas rugby, makes a selection from the rugby shelf...

of The Scotsman, the book will have succeeded. Review of the national top 12 championship last year, in which he sustained the knee injury during a tournament in Bermuda...

blend: Rutherford, tall, elegant, laidback, built closer to the scrum half's lot rather than pass on had ball to his colleague...

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England will face the toughest test so far this season in their attempt to win promotion to the super division of the European League when they take on Italy in Manchester tonight...

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Marino's passing leads Dolphins

Lorenzo Hampton scored on a one-yard plunge with 34 seconds left and Dan Marino passed for 404 yards and four touchdowns...

Marino completed scoring passes of 11 and nine yards to Clayton, and two yards each to Jensen and Hampton...

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing various sports fixtures including Littlewoods Cup, FA Cup, and other matches.

YACHTING

Bond's maxi will not enter Fastnet

From Bob Ross, Sydney

The maxi designed for Alan Bond by Dave Pedrick, to be launched in Fremantle in February, is essentially an around-the-buoys race...

SHOOTING

Cooper and Allan are honoured

Malcolm Cooper and Alister Allan, the Olympic shooting medal winners, were honoured by their peers at a ceremony at Hook, Hampshire...

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SPORT ON TV

Table listing sports events on television including Wimbledon, and other matches.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including 'Bradford confidence expense', 'Harmony at Old Trafford', and 'Westminster rally'.

Moynihan faces ID card opponents

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent
The Government is considering proposals for changes in its plans to require all football supporters to carry identity cards.

Apart from opposition from MPs and the football authorities, the Government faces strong police objections to the plan. The Police Federation, whose members will be responsible for enforcing the scheme, has said that it is unlikely to consider changes to make sure that the casual supporter is catered for.

Many Conservatives, oppose the cards on civil liberties grounds. Other Conservatives are concerned about the effectiveness of the scheme and fear the consequences if the monitoring equipment at a number of turnstiles breaks down leaving frustrated supporters outside.

He told The Times last night that the opponents, particularly the football authorities, should "stop bleating" and get down to helping the Government draw up a scheme that was satisfactory to all.

Call to Chile shows steep fall in status of Rous Cup

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent
Chile, the latest nation in an elongated list of entrants to be asked to compete for the Rous Cup, could not have accepted the Football Association's invitation early last month when they were barred from the international arena for contravening article 33 of FIFA's statutes.

Camel-haired approach to Savile Row



From the camel's mouth: Ted Toleman (left) and Barry Lee prepare for the rigours of the desert in their third Paris to Dakar race in Savile Row
Minefields, laid by Rommel's Afrika Korps in western Libya during 1942, will add an extra hazard to the competitors in the 1989 Paris to Dakar rally (Jeremy Hart writes).

YOUR VERY OWN MOTORWAY... PLUS THREE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES
West Lancs with its towns of Ormskirk and Skelmersdale connects nationwide via its own M58 motorway linked to M6 and M62.

Gateshead erase memories and records of Jenkins

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent
It should hardly bother David Jenkins now, beginning a seven-year jail sentence in San Diego for marketing sports drugs, but his former British club, Gateshead Harriers, have decided to expunge his name from their record lists.

A ticket for Cruz awaits Hodkinson

By Srikanth Sen Boxing Correspondent
Boxing enthusiasts get the chance to assess how the man most likely to follow in Barry McGuigan's footsteps, Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, is shaping up when he defends his British featherweight title against Kevin Taylor, of Rochdale, at Kirkby tonight.

SPORT IN BRIEF

More bans expected
Indianapolis (AFP) - Seven more athletes and a trainer who were involved in an unofficial tour of South Africa in October face life bans when the American Athletics Association considers their cases in Covina, California, tomorrow.

No vacancy

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Special effort

Britain's top squash player, Del Harris, back in training after suffering a viral infection which kept him out of the game for nearly a month, is working on a fitness programme set up by the AAA national coach, Richard Simmons.

Forced out

Two leading European gymnasts have pulled out of next weekend's Kraft International at Alexandra Palace. The Spanish men's champion, Alfonso Rodriguez-Sadia, and Camelia Voinea, of Romania, one of the favourites for the women's gold medal, both have influenza.

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Hidden hazards in the deep end

By Adrian Moorhouse
(Brian's gold medal win in the 100 metres breaststroke at the Seoul Olympic Games) When Rick Bailey, formerly the coach to the City of Birmingham club, turned down the job of team manager for the Great Britain swimming team for the next four years, he presented the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain with the immediate problem of finding a replacement.

Further setback to Moorhouse

Toronto - Adrian Moorhouse still cannot get back into the swim of things after his Olympic gold medal, having had his broken hand encased in plaster for the third time on Monday (Steve Downes writes). Moorhouse broke a bone in his left hand in a motor racing accident in October, and originally expected to be out of action for six weeks.

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